

## THE FIRST BOKE OF

## Samuél.

## THE ARGUMENT.

According as God had ordained Deut. 17,14. that when the Israelites shulde be in the land of Canaan, he wolde appoint them a King: so here in this first boke of Samuél is declared the state of this people under their first King Saúl, who not content with that ordre, which God had for a time appointed for the government of his Church, demanded a King, to the intent thei might be as other nacions and in a greater assurance as thei thoght: not because thei might the better thereby serve God, as being under the safegarde of him, which did represent Jesus Christ the true deliverer: therefore he gave them a tyrant and an hypocrite to rule over them, that they might learne, that the persone of a King is not sufficient to defend them, except God by his power preserve and kepe them. And therefore he punisheth the ingratitude of his people and sendeth them continual warres bothe at home and abroad. And because Saúl, whome of nothing God had preferred to the honour of a King, did not acknowledge God's mercie towarde him, but rather disobeied the worde of God and was not zealous of his glorie, he was by the voyce of God put downe from his state, and David the true figure of Messiah placed in his steade, whose pacience, modestie, constancie, persecucion by open enemies, fained friends, and dissembling flatterers are left to the Church and to every member of the same, as a paterne and example to beholde their state and vocation.

## CHAP. 1

1 The genealogie of Elkanáh father of Samuél 2 His two wives. 5 Hannáh was baren and praied to the Lord. 15 Her answer to Elí. 20 Samuél is borne. 24 She doeth dedicate him to the Lord.

**T**Here was a man of one of the two <sup>a</sup>Ramathaím Zophím, of mount Ephráim, whose name was Elkanáh the sonne of Jerohám, the sonne of Elihú, the sonne of Tóhu, the sonne of Zuph, an Ephrathite:

2 And he had two wives: the name of one was Hannáh, and the name of the other Peninnáh: and Peninnáh had children, but Hannáh had no children.

3 \*And this man went up out of his citie every yere, to worship and to sacrifice unto the Lord of hostes in <sup>b</sup>Shilóh, where were the two sonnes of Elí, Hophní and Phinehás Priests of the Lord.

4 And on a day, when Elkanáh sacrificed, he gave to Peninnáh his wife and to all her sonnes and daughters procions,

5 But unto Hannáh he gave a worthy <sup>c</sup>porcion: for he loved Hannáh, and the Lord had made her baren.

6 ¶ And her adversarie vexed her sore, forasmuch as she upbraided her, because the Lord had made her baren.

7 (And so did he yere by yere) and as oft as she went up to the house of the Lord, thus she vexed her, that she wept and did not eat.

8 Then said Elkanáh her housband to her, Hannáh, why wepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thine heart troubled? am not I better to thee then ten <sup>d</sup>sonnes?

9 So Hannáh rose up after that they had eaten and dronke in Shilóh (and Elí the Priest sate upon a stole by one of the postes of the <sup>e</sup>Temple of the Lord)

10 And she was troubled in her minde, and praied unto the Lord, and wept sore:

11 Also she vowed a vowe, & said, O Lord of hostes, if thou wilt loke on the trouble of thine handmayd, & remember me, & not forget thine handmayd, but give unto thine handmayd a manchilde, then I wil give him unto the Lord all the daies of his life, \*and there shal no raser come upon his head.

1 a There were two Ramaths, so that in this city in mount Ephraim were Zophim: that is, the learned men and Prophets.

3 \*Deut. 16.16.

3 b For the Ark was there at that time.

5 c Some read: a portion with an heavy chere.

8 d Let this suffice you, that I love you no less, then if you had many children.

9 e That is, of the house, where the Ark was.

11 \*Num. 6.5, Judg. 13.5.

12 And as she continued praying before the Lord, Elí marked her mouth.

13 For Hannáh spake in her heart: her lippes did move onely, but her voyce was not heard: therefore Elí thoght she had bene dronken.

14 And Elí said unto her, How long wilt thou be dronken? Put away <sup>f</sup>thy dronkennes from thee.

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

16 Count not thine handmaid <sup>i</sup>for a wicked woman: for of the abundance of my complaint and my grief have I spoken hitherto.

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

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

19 ¶ Then they rose up early, & worshiped before the Lord, & returned, & came to their house to Ramáh. Now Elkanáh knewe Hannáh his wife, and the Lord <sup>k</sup>remembered her.

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

21 ¶ So the man <sup>l</sup>Elkanáh and all his house went up to offer unto the Lord the yerelie sacrifice, and his vowe:

22 But Hannáh went not up: for she said unto her housband, *I wil tary* until the childe be weined, then I wil bring him that he may appeare before the Lord, and there abide for ever.

23 And Elkanáh her housband said unto her, Do what semeth thee best: tary until thou hast weined him: onely the Lord accomplish his <sup>m</sup>worde. So the woman abode, and gave her sonne sucke until she weined him.

24 ¶ And when she had weined him, she toke him with her with thre bullockes and an <sup>n</sup>\*Epháh of floure and a bottle of wine, and broght him unto the house of the Lord in Shilóh,

14 <sup>l</sup>Ebr., your wine.

15 <sup>m</sup>Ebr., of an hard spirit.

15 \*Ps. 42.4

16 <sup>n</sup>Ebr., for a daughter of Belial.

18 f That is, pray unto the Lord for me.

19 g According to her petition.

21 h This Elkanah was a Levite, 1 Chron. 6.27, and as some write, once a year they accustomed to appear before the Lord with their families.

23 i Because her prayer took effect, therefore it was call the Lord's promise.

24 \*Ex. 16.36.

and the childe was <sup>^</sup>yong.

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

26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy <sup>^</sup>soule liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stode with thee here praying unto the Lord.

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

28 Therefore also I have <sup>^</sup>given him unto the Lord: as long as he liveth he shalbe given unto the Lord: & he <sup>^</sup>worshiped the Lord there.

## CHAP. 2

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

**A**ND Hannáh <sup>^</sup>praied, and said, Mine heart rejoyceth in the Lord, mine <sup>^</sup>home is exalted in the Lord: my mouth is <sup>^</sup>enlarged over mine enemies, because I rejoyce in thy salvacion.

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

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

4 The bowe *and* the mightie men are broken, and the weake have girde them selves with strength.

5 Thei that were ful, are hired forthe for <sup>^</sup>bread, and the hongrie are no more *hired*, so that the baren hathe borne <sup>^</sup>seven: and she that had many children, is feble.

6 \*The Lord killeth and maketh alive: bringeth downe to the grave and raiseth up.

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

8 \*He reiseth up the poore out of the dust, and lifeth up the begger from the donghil, to set *them* among <sup>^</sup>princes, and to make them inherit the seat of glorie: for the pillers of the earth are the <sup>^</sup>Lord's, & he hathe set the worlde upon them.

9 He wil kepe the fete of his Saintes, and the wicked shal kepe silence in darckenes: for in *his owne* might shal no man be strong.

10 The Lord's adversaries shal be destroyed, and out of heaven shal he <sup>^</sup>thunder upon them: the Lord shal judge the ends of the worlde, and shal give power unto his <sup>^</sup>King, and exalte the home of his Anointed.

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

24 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., a child.

26 k That is, most certainly.

28 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., lent.

28 l Meaning, Eli gave thanks to God for her.

### Chapter 2

1 a After that she had obtained a son by prayer, she gave thanks.

1 b I have recovered strength and glory by the benefit of the Lord.

1 c I can answer them, that reprove my barrenness.

3 d In that you condemn my barrenness, you show your pride against God.

5 e They sell their labors for necessary food.

5 <sup>^</sup>Or, many.

6 \*Deut. 32.39, Wisd. 16.13, Tob. 13.2.

8 \*Ps. 113.7.

8 f He prefers to honor and puts down according to his own will, though man's judgement be contrary.

8 g Therefore he may dispose all things according to his will.

10 \*Ch. 7.10.

10 h She grounded her prayer on Jesus Christ which was to come.

11 i In all that Eli commanded him.

12 ¶ Now the sonnes of Elí *were* wicked men *and* <sup>^</sup>knewe not the Lord.

13 For the Priest's custome toward the people *was this*: when any man offered sacrifice, the Priests <sup>^</sup>boy came, while the flesh was seething and a fleshoke with thre teth in his hand,

14 And thrust it into the kettle, or into the caldren, or into the pan, or into the pot: <sup>^</sup>all that the fleshoke broght up, the Priest toke for him self: thus thei did unto all the Israelites, that came thether to Shilóh.

15 Yea, before they burnt the <sup>^</sup>fat, the Priest's boy came and said to the man that offred, Give me flesh to rost for the Priest: for he wil not have sodden flesh of thee, but rawe.

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

17 Therefore the sinne of the yong men was very great before the Lord: for men <sup>^</sup>abhorred the offering of the Lord.

18 ¶ Now Samuél being a yong childe ministred before the Lord, girded with a linnen <sup>^</sup>Ephód.

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

20 And Elí blessed Elkanáh and his wife, and said, The Lord give thee sede of this woman, for <sup>^</sup>the petition that she asked of the Lord: and they departed unto their place.

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

22 ¶ So Elí was very olde, and heard all that his sonnes did unto all Israél, & how they laye with the women that <sup>^</sup>assem- bled at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregacion.

23 And he said unto them, Why do-ye suche things? for of all this people I heare evil reportes of you.

24 *Do no more*, my sonnes: for it is no good reporte that I heare, *which is*, that ye make the Lord's people to <sup>^</sup>tres- passe.

25 If one man sinne against an other, the judge shal judge it: but if a man sinne against the Lord, who wil pleade for him? Notwithstanding they obeied not the voyce of their father, because the Lord <sup>^</sup>wolde slaye them.

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

27 And there came a man of God unto Elí and said unto him, Thus saieth the Lord, Did not I plainly appeare unto the house of thy <sup>^</sup>father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

28 And I chose him out of all the tribes of Israél to be my Priest, to offer upon mine altar, and to burne incense, and to weare an Ephód before me, & \*I gave unto the house of thy

12 k That is, they neglected his ordinance.

13 <sup>^</sup>Or, son,

14 l Transgressing the order appointed in the Law, Lev. 7.31, for their belly's sake.

15 m Which was commanded first to have been offered to God.

16 <sup>^</sup>Or, Law.

16 n Not passing for their own profit so that God might be served aright.

17 o Seeing the horrible abuse thereof.

18 \*Ex. 28.4.

20 <sup>^</sup>Or, for the thing that she has lent to the Lord: to wit Samuel.

22 p Which was (as the Ebrewes write) after their travail, when they came to be purified, read Ex. 38.8, Lev. 12.6.

24 q Because they condemn their duty to God, verse 17.

25 r So that to obey good admonitions is God's mercy, and to disobey them, is his just judgement for sin.

27 s To wit, Aaron.

28 \*Lev. 10.14.

father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israél.  
 29 Wherefore have you <sup>k</sup>icked against my sacrifice and mine offering, which I commanded in my Tabernacle, and honorest thy children above me, to make your selves fat of the first frutes of all the offrings of Israél my people?  
 30 Wherefore the Lord God of Israél sayth, I said, that thine house and the house of thy father shulde walke before me for ever: but nowe the Lord saith, <sup>l</sup>It shal not be so: for them that honour me. I wil honour, and they that despise me, shal be despised.  
 31 Beholde, the dayes come, that I wil cut of thine <sup>m</sup>arme, and the arme of thy father's house, that there shal not be an olde man in thine house.  
 32 And thou <sup>n</sup>shalt se *thine* enemy in the habitation of the Lord in all things wherewith God shal blesse Israél, and there shal not be an olde man in thine house for ever.  
 33 Nevertheles, I wil not destroy every one of thine from mine altar, to make thine eyes to faile, and to make thine heart sorowful: and all the multitude of thine house shal <sup>o</sup>dye when they be men.  
 34 And this shalbe a signe unto thee, that shal come upon thy two sonnes Hophní and Phinehás: in one day they shal dye bothe.  
 35 And I wil sterre me up a <sup>p</sup>faithful Priest, that shal do according to mine heart and according to my minde: and I wil buylde him a sure house, and he shal walke before mine Anoynted for ever.  
 36 And all that are left in thine house, shal come and <sup>q</sup>bowe downe to him for a piece of silver & a morsel of bread, & shal say, Appoint me, I pray thee, to one of the Priest's offices, that I may eat a morsel of bread.

### CHAP. 3

*1 There was no manifest vision in the time of Elí. 4 The Lord calleth Samuél thre times, 11 And sheweth what shal come upon Elí and his house. 18 The same declareth Samuél to Elí.*

**N**OW the childe Samuél ministred unto the Lord <sup>a</sup>before Elí: and the worde of the Lord was <sup>b</sup>precious in those dayes: for there was no manifest vision.  
 2 And at that time, as Elí laye in his <sup>c</sup>place, his eyes began to waxe dimme that he colde not se.  
 3 And yer the <sup>d</sup>light of God went out, Samuél slept in the temple of the Lord, where the Arke of God was.  
 4 Then the Lord <sup>e</sup>called Samuél: and he said, Here I am.  
 5 And he ran unto Elí, and said, Here am I, for thou calledst me. But he said, I called thee not: go againe *and* slepe. And he went and slept.  
 6 And the Lord called once againe, Samuél. And Samuél arose, & went to Elí, & said, I am here: for thou didest call me.

29 t Why have you contemned my sacrifices, and as it were trod them under feet.  
 30 u God's promises are only effectual to such as he gives constancy unto, to fear and obey him.  
 31 x Your power and authority.  
 32 y Your posterity shall see the glory of the chief Priest translated to another, whom they shall envy, 1 Kings 2.27.  
 33 <sup>^</sup>Or, when they come to man's age.  
 35 z Meaning, Zadók, who succeeded Abiathár, and was the figure of Christ.  
 36 a That is, shall be inferior unto him.

### Chapter 3

1 a The Chalde text reads, while Eli lived.  
 1 b Because there were very few Prophets to declare it.  
 2 c In the court next to the Tabernacle.  
 3 d That is, the lamps which burnt in the night.  
 4 e Josephus writes that Samuel was twelve years old, when the Lord appeared to him.

And he answered, I called thee not, my sonne: go againe *and* slepe.

7 Thus *did* Samuél, before he knewe <sup>f</sup>the Lord, and before the worde of the Lord was reveiled unto him.

8 And the Lord called Samuél againe the third time: and he arose, & went to Elí and said, I am here: for thou hast called me. Then Elí <sup>g</sup>perceived that the Lord had called the childe.

9 Therefore Elí said unto Samuél, Go *and* slepe: and if he call thee, then say, Speake Lord, for thy servant heareth. So Samuél went, and slept in his place.

10 ¶ And the Lord came, and stode, and called as at other times, Samuél, Samuél. Then Samuél answered, Speake, for thy servant heareth.

11 ¶ Then the Lord said to Samuél, Beholde, I wil do a thing in Israél, whereof whosoever shal heare, his two eares shal <sup>h</sup>tingle.

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

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

14 Now therefore I have sworne unto the house of Elí, that the wickednes of Elí's house, shal not be purged with sacrifice nor offering <sup>i</sup>for ever.

15 Afterwarde Samuél slept until the morning, and opened the doores of the house of the Lord, and Samuél feared to shewe Elí the vision.

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

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

18 So Samuél tolde him everie whit, and hid nothing from him. Then he said, It is the Lord: let him do what semeth him good.

19 ¶ And Samuél grewe, and the Lord was with him, and let none of his wordes <sup>l</sup>fall to the ground.

20 And all Israél from Dan to Beershéba knewe <sup>^</sup>that faithful Samuél was the Lord's Prophet.

21 And the Lord appeared againe in Shilóh: for the Lord reveiled him selfe to Samuél in Shilóh by <sup>^</sup>his worde.

### CHAP. 4

*1 Israël is overcome by the Philistíms. 4 They do fet the Arke, wherefore the Philistíms do feare 10 The Arke of the Lord is taken 11 Elí and his children dye. 19 The death of the wife of Phinehás the sonne of Elí.*

**A**ND Samuél spake unto all Israél: <sup>l</sup>l and Israél went out against the Philistíms to battel and pitched beside <sup>^</sup>Ebén

7 f By vision.

8 g Such was the corruption of those times that the chief Priest was become dull and negligent to understand the Lord's appearing.

11 h God declares what sudden fear shal come upon men when they shall heare that the Ark is taken and also see Eli's house destroyed.

14 i Meaning, that his posterity should never enjoy the chief Priest's office.

17 k God punish you after this and that sort, except you tell me truth, Ruth 1.17.

19 l The Lord accomplished whatsoever he had said.

20 <sup>^</sup>Or that Samuel was the faithful Prophet of the Lord.

21 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., by the word of the Lord.

### Chapter 4

1 l From the departure of the Israelites out of Egypt unto the time of Samuel are about 390 years.

1 <sup>^</sup>Or, stone of help, chap. 7.12.

ézer: and the Philistíms pitched in Aphék.

2 And the Philistíms put them selves in array against Israél: and when they joyned the battel, Israél was smitten downe before the Philistíms: who slewe of the armie in the field about foure thousand men.

3 So when the people were come into the campe, the Elders of Israél said, <sup>a</sup>Wherefore hath the Lord smitten us this day before the Philistíms? let us bring the Arke of the covenant of the Lord out of Shilóh unto us, that when it commeth among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

4 Then the people sent to Shilóh, and broght from thence the Arke of the covenant of the Lord of hostes, who <sup>b</sup>dwelleth betwene the Cherubíms: & there were the two sonnes of Elí, Hophní, and Phinehás, with the Arke of the covenant of God.

5 And when the Arke of the covenant of the Lord came into the hoste, all Israél showed a mighty showte, so that the earth rang againe.

6 And when the Philistíms heard the noise of the showte, they said, What meaneth the sounde of this mighty showte in the hoste of the Ebrewes? and they understode, that the Arke of the Lord was come into the hoste.

7 And the Philistíms were afraid, and said, God is come into the hoste: therefore said thei, <sup>c</sup>Wo unto us: for it hath not bene so heretofore.

8 Wo unto us, who shal deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the <sup>d</sup>wildernes.

9 Be strong and play the men, <sup>e</sup> Philistíms, that ye be not servants unto the Ebrewes, <sup>f</sup>as they have served you: be valiant therefore, and fight.

10 And the Philistíms fought, & Israél was smitten downe, & fled everie man into his tent: & there was an exceding great slaughter: for there fel of Israél <sup>g</sup>thirtie thousand fotemen.

11 And the Arke of God was taken, and the two sonnes of Elí, Hophní and Phinehás dyed.

12 And there ran a man of Benjamín out of the armie, and came to Shilóh the same day with his clothes <sup>h</sup>rent, and earth upon his head.

13 And when he came, lo, Elí sate upon a seate by the way-side, waiting: for his heart <sup>i</sup>feared for the Arke of God: and when the man came into the citie to tel it, all the citie cryed out.

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

15 (Now Elí was fourscore and eightene yere olde, and <sup>j</sup>his eyes were dimme that he colde not se)

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

17 Then the messenger answered and said, Israél is fled before the Philistíms, and there hath bene also a great slaughter among the people: and moreover thy two sonnes, Hophní and Phinehás <sup>k</sup>are dead, & the Arke of God is taken.

3 a For it may seem that this war was undertaken by Samuel's commandment.

4 b For he used to appear to the Israelites between the Cherubims over the Ark of the covenant, Ex. 25.17-22.

7 c Before we fought against men and now God is come to fight against us.

8 d For in the red Sea in the wilderness the Egyptians were destroyed, which was the last of all his plagues.

9 <sup>e</sup>Judg. 13.1.

10 e David alluding to this place Ps. 77.63 says they were consumed with fire: meaning they were suddenly destroyed.

12 f In token of sorrow and mourning.

13 g Lest it should be taken of the enemies.

15 <sup>j</sup>Ch. 3.2.

17 h According, as God had afore said.

18 <sup>¶</sup> And when he had made mencion of the Arke of God, *Elí* fel from his seat backwarde by the side of the gate, and his necke was broken, and he dyed: for he was an olde man and heavye: and <sup>¶</sup>he had judged Israél fortie yeres.

19 And his daughter in lawe Phinehás' wife was with childe *nere* <sup>¶</sup>her travel: and when she heard the report that the Arke of God was taken, and that her father in lawe and her husband were dead, she <sup>¶</sup>bowed her selfe, and traveled: for her paines came upon her.

20 And about the time of her death, the women that stode about her, said unto her, Feare not: for thou hast borne a sonne: but she answered not, not regarded it.

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

22 She said againe, <sup>¶</sup>The glorie is departed from Israél: for the Arke of God is taken.

## CHAP. 5

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

**T**hen the Philistíms toke the Arke of God and caryed it from Ebén ézer unto <sup>a</sup>Ashdód, 2 Even the Philistíms toke the Arke of God, and broght it into the house of <sup>b</sup>Dagón, and set it by Dagón.

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

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

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

6 But the hand of the Lord was heavy upon them of Ashdód, and destroyed them, and smote them with <sup>d</sup>emerods, *both* Ashdód, and the coastes thereof.

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

8 They sent therefore and gathered all the princes of the Philistíms unto them, and said, <sup>e</sup>What shal we do with the Arke of the God of Israél? And they answered, Let the Arke of the God of Israél be caryed about unto Gath: and they caryed the Arke of the God of Israél about.

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

18 <sup>¶</sup>Or, governed.

19 <sup>¶</sup>Or, to cry out.

19 i And settled her body toward her travail.

21 <sup>¶</sup>Or, No glory, or, where is the glory.

22 k She uttered her great sorrow by repeating her words.

## Chapter 5

1 a Which was one of the five principal cities of the Philistines.

2 b Which was their chief idol, and as some write, from the navel downward was like a fish, and upward like a man.

5 c Thus instead of acknowledging the true God by this miracle, they fall to a father superstition.

6 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 78.66.

8 d Though they had felt God's power & were afraid thereof, yet they would farther try him, which thing God turned to their destruction and his glory.

10 ¶ Therefore they sent the Arke of God to Ekrón: and assone as the Arke of God came to Ekrón, the Ekronites cryed out, saying, They have broght the Arke of the God of Israël to us to slay us and our people.

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

12 And the men that dyed not, were smitten with emerods: and the crye of the citie went up to heaven.

### CHAP. 6

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

**S**O the Arke of the Lord was in the country of the Philistíms <sup>a</sup>seven monethes. 2 And the Philistíms called the Priestes and the sothsayers, saying, What shal we do with the Arke of the Lord? tel us wherewith we shal send it home againe?

3 And they said, If you send away the Arke of the God of Israël, send it not away emptie, but give unto it <sup>b</sup>a sinne offering: then shal ye be healed, and it shalbe knowen to you, why his hand departeth not from you.

4 Then said they, What shalbe the sinne offering, which we shal give unto it? And they answered, Five golden emerods and five golden mice, according to the number of the Princes of the Philistíms: for one plague was on you all, and on your princes.

5 Wherefore ye shal make the similitudes of your emerods, and the similitudes of your mice that destroye the land: so ye shal give glorie unto the God of Israël, that he may take his hand from you, and from your <sup>c</sup>gods, and from your land.

6 Wherefore then shulde ye harden your heartes, as the Egyptians and Pharaóh hardened their heartes, when he wroght wonderfully among them, <sup>\*</sup>did they not let them go, and they departed?

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

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

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

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

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

11 e The wicked, when they feel the hand of God, grudge and reject him, where the godly humble themselves and cry for mercy.

### Chapter 6

1 a They thought by continuance of time the plague would have ceased and so would have kept the Ark still.

3 b The idolaters confess there is a true God who punishes sin justly.

5 c This is God's judgement upon the idolaters, that knowing the true God they worship him not aright.

6 \*Ex. 12.31.

8 d Meaning the golden emerods and the golden mice.

9 e The God of Israel.

9 f The wicked attribute almost all things to fortune and chance, whereas in deed there is nothing done without God's providence and decree.

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

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

14 ¶ And the carte came into the fielde of Joshúa a Bethshemite, and stode stil there. there was also a great stone, and <sup>h</sup>they clave the wood of the carte and offred the kine for a burnt offering unto the Lord.

15 And the Levites toke downe the Arke of the Lord, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of golde were, and put them on the great stone, and the men of Beth-shémesh offred burnt offering, and sacrificed sacrifices that same day unto the Lord.

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

17 ¶ So these are the golden emerods, which the Philistíms gave for a sinne offering to the Lord: for <sup>i</sup>Ashdód one, for Gazá one, for Askelón one, for Gath one, *and* for Ekrón one,

18 And golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistíms, *belonging* to the five princes, bothe of walled townes and of townes unwalled, unto the great *stone* of <sup>^</sup>Abél, whereon they set the Arke of the Lord: *which stone remaineth* unto this day in the field of Joshúa the Beth-shémite.

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

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

21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearím, saying, The Philistíms have broght againe the Arke of the Lord: come ye downe *and* take it up to you.

### CHAP. 7

*1 The Arke is broght to Kiriath-jearím. 3 Samuél exhortheth the people to forsake their sinnes and turne to the Lord. 10 The Philistíms fight against Israël and are overcome 16 Samuél judgeth Israël.*

**T**Hen the men of <sup>a</sup>Kiriath-jearím came, and toke up the Arke of the Lord, & broght it into the house of Abinadáb in the hil: and they sanctified Eleazár his sonne, to kepe the Arke of the Lord.

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

3 ¶ Then Samuél spake unto all the house of Israël, saying, If ye be come againe unto the Lord with all your hearte, <sup>\*</sup>put away the strange gods from among you, and <sup>\*</sup>Ashtaróth, and

12 g For the trail of the matter.

14 h To wit, the men of Beth-shémesh, which were Israelites.

17 i These were the five principle cities of the Philistines which were not all conquered unto the time of David.

18 <sup>^</sup>Or, the plain, or lamentation.

19 k For it was not lawfull to any either to touch or to see it, save only to Aaron and his sons, Num. 4.15 and 20.

### Chapter 7

1 a A city in the tribe of Judah, called also Kiriath baal, Josh. 15.60.

2 b Lamented for their sins and followed the Lord.

3 \*Josh. 24.15

3 \*Judg. 2.13.

direct your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him <sup>a</sup>onely, and he shal deliver you out of the hand of the Philistims.

4 Then the children of Israél did put away <sup>a</sup>Baalím and Ashtaróth, and served the Lord onely.

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

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

7 When the Philistims heard that the children of Israél were gathered together to Mizpéh, the princes of the Philistims went up against Israél: and when the children of Israél heard that, they were afraied of the Philistims.

8 And the children of Israél said to Samuél, Cease not to <sup>e</sup>crye unto the Lord our God for us, that he may save us out of the hand of the Philistims.

9 Then Samuél toke a sucking lambe, & offred it all together for a burnt offering unto the Lord, and Samuél cryed unto the Lord for Israél, and the Lord heard him.

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

11 And the men of Israél went from Mizpéh and pursued the Philistims, and smote them until *they came* under Beth-car.

12 Then Samuél toke a stone and pitched it betwene Mizpéh and <sup>g</sup>Shen, and called the name thereof, Ebénézer, and he said, Hitherto hath the Lord holpen us.

13 ¶ So the Philistims were brought under, and they came nomore againe into the coastes of Israél: and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistims all the dayes of Samuél.

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

15 And Samuél judged Israél all the dayes of his life,

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

17 Afterward he returned to Ramáh: for there was his house, and there he judge Israél: also he buylt an <sup>i</sup>altar there unto the Lord.

## CHAP. 8

*1 Samuél maketh his sonnes judges over Israél, who followe not his steppes 5 The Israélites aske a King 11 Samuél declareth in what state they shulde be under the King 19 Notwithstanding they aske one stil, and the Lord willeth Samuél to grant unto them.*

**W**hen Samuél was now become old, he <sup>a</sup>made his sonnes judges over Israél. 2 (And the name of his

3 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 6.4, Mat. 4.10.

4 <sup>b</sup>Judg., 2.11-13.

5 <sup>c</sup> For Shiloh was now desolate, because the Philistines had taken thence the Ark.

6 <sup>d</sup> The Chaldean text has, that they drew water out of their heart: that is, wept abundantly for their sins.

7 <sup>e</sup> Signifying that in the prayers of the godly there ought to be a vehement zeal.

8 <sup>f</sup> According to the prophecy of Hanna Samuel's mother, Chap. 2.10.

9 <sup>g</sup> Which was a great rock over against Mizpeh.

10 <sup>h</sup> Meaning, the Philistines.

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

## Chapter 8

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

eldest sonne was <sup>b</sup>Joel, and the name of the seconde Abiáh) *even* judges in Beer-shéba.

3 And his sonnes walked not in his waies but turned aside after lucre and <sup>c</sup>toke rewardes, and perverted the judgement.

4 ¶ Wherefore all the Elders of Israél gathered together, and came to Samuél unto <sup>c</sup>Ramah,

5 And said unto him, Beholde, thou art old, and thy sonnes walke not in thy waies: <sup>a</sup>make us now a King to judge us like all nacions.

6 But the thing <sup>d</sup>displeased Samuél, when they said, Give us a King to judge us: and Samuél prayed unto the Lord.

7 And the Lord said unto Samuél, Hear the voice of the people in all that they shal say unto thee: for they have not cast thee away, but they have cast me away, that I shulde not reigne over them.

8 As thei have ever done since I broght them out of Egypt even unto this day, (and have forsaken me, and served other gods) even so do they unto thee.

9 Now therefore hearken unto their voyce: howbeit yet <sup>e</sup>testifie unto them and shewe them the maner of the King that shal reigne over them.

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

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

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

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

14 And he wil take your fields, and your vineyardes, and your best olive trees, and give them to his servants.

15 And he wil take the tenth of your sede, and of your vineyardes, and give it to his <sup>g</sup>Eunuches, and to his servants.

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

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

18 And ye shal crye out at that day, because of your King, whome ye have chosen you, and the Lord wil not <sup>h</sup>heare you at that day.

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

20 And we also wil be like all *other* nacions, and our King shal judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battels.

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

22 And the Lord said to Samuél, <sup>h</sup>Hearken unto their voyce, and make them a King And Samuél said unto the men of Israél, Go everie man unto his citie.

2 <sup>b</sup> Who was also called Vashni, 1 Chron. 6.28.

3 <sup>c</sup> Deut. 16.19.

4 <sup>c</sup> For there his house was, Chap. 7.17.

5 <sup>c</sup> Hos. 13.10, Act 13.21.

6 <sup>d</sup> Because they were not content with the order that God had appointed, but would be governed as were the Gentiles.

7 <sup>e</sup> To prove if they will forsake their wicked purpose.

8 <sup>f</sup> Not that Kings have this authority by their office, but that such as reign in God's wrath should usurp this over their brethren contrary to the Law, Deut. 17.24.

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

10 <sup>g</sup> Because you repent not for your sins, but because you smart for your afflictions, whereinto you cast yourselves willingly.

11 <sup>h</sup> Or, grant their request.

## CHAP. 9

3 *Saúl seking his fathers asses, by the counsel of his servant goeth to Samuél. 9 The Prophets called Seers. 15 The Lord reveileth to Samuél Saúls comming, commanding him to anoint him King. 22 Samuél bringeth Saúl to the feast.*

**T**Here was now a man of Benjamín <sup>a</sup>mightie in power named <sup>\*</sup>Kish the sonne of Abiél, the sonne of Zerór, the sonne of Bechoráth, the sonne of Aphíah, the sonne of a man of Jeminí.

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

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

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

5 When they came to the land of <sup>d</sup>Zuph, Saúl said unto his servant that was with him, Come and let us returne, lest my father leave *the care* of asses, and take thought for us.

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

7 Then said Saúl to his servant, Wel then, let us go: but what shal we bring unto the man? For the <sup>e</sup>bread is spent in our vessels, and there is no present to bring to the man of God: what have we?

8 And the servant answered Saúl againe, and said, Beholde, I have found about me the fourth parte of a <sup>e</sup>shekle of silver: that wil I give the man of God, to tel us our way.

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

10 Then said Saúl to his servant, Wel said, come, let us go: so they went into the citie where the man of God was.

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

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

13 When ye shal come into the citie, ye shal finde him streight way yer he come up to the hie place to eat: for the people wil not eat until he come, because he wil <sup>h</sup>blesse the sacrifice: and then eat they that be bidden to the feast: now therefore go up: for even now shal ye finde him.

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

1 a That is, both valiant and rich.

1 \*Ch. 14.51, 1 Chron. 8.33.

2 b So that it might seem that God approved their request in appointing out such a person.

3 c All these circumstances were means to serve unto God's providence, whereby Saul (though not approved by God) was made King.

5 d Where was Ramath-Zophim the city of Samuel.

7 <sup>e</sup>Or, vitailles.

8 e Which is about five pence, read Gen. 23.15.

9 f So called, because he foresaw things to come.

12 g That is, a feast after the offering, which should be kept in an high place of the city appointed for that use.

13 h That is, give thanks, and distribute the meat according to their custom.

15 ¶ <sup>\*</sup>But the Lord had reveiled to Samuél <sup>^</sup>secretly (a day before Saúl came) saying,

16 Tomorowe about this time I wil send thee a man out of the land of Benjamín: him shalt thou anoint to be governour over my people Israél, that he may <sup>'</sup>save my people out of the hands of the Philistíms: for I have looked upon my people, and their crye is come unto me.

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

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

19 And Samuél answered Saúl, and said, I am the Seer: go up before me unto the hie place: for ye shal eat with me to day. and tomorowe I wil let thee go, and wil tel thee all that is in thine <sup>h</sup>heart.

20 And as for thine asses that were lost thre dayes ago, care not for them: for they are founde. and <sup>'</sup>on whome *is set* all the desire of Israél? is it not upon thee and on all thy fathers house?

21 ¶ But Saúl answered, and said, Am not I the sonne of Jeminí of the smallest tribe of Israél? and my familie *is* the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin. Wherefore then speakest thou so to me?

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

23 And Samuél said unto the cooke, Bring forthe the portion which I gave thee, *and* whereof I said unto thee, Kepe it with thee.

24 And the cooke toke up the shoulder, and that which was <sup>n</sup>upon it, and set it before Saúl. And *Samuél* said, Beholde, that which is left, set it before thee *and* eat: for hitherto hath it bene kept for thee, saying, Also I <sup>o</sup>have called the people. So Saúl did eat with Samuél that day.

25 And when they were come downe from the hie place into the citie, he communed with Saúl upon the top of the house:

26 And when they arose early about the spring of the day, Samuél called Saúl to the <sup>p</sup>top of the house, saying Up, that I may send thee away. And Saúl arose, and they went out, both he, and Samuél.

27 And when they were come downe to the end of the citie, Samuél said to Saúl, Bid the servant go before us, (and he went) but stand thou stil now, that I may shewe thee <sup>q</sup>the worde of God.

## CHAP. 10

*6 Saúl is anointed King by Samuél. 9 God changeth Saúls heart & he prophecieth. 17 Samuél assembleth the people, and sheweth them their sinnes. 21 Saúl is chosen King by lot. 25 Samuél writeth the Kings office.*

15 \*Ch. 15.1. Acts 13.21.

15 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., in his ear.

16 i Notwithstanding their wickedness, yet God was ever mindful of his inheritance.

19 k Meaning, all that you desire to know.

20 l Whom does Israel desire to be their King but you.

22 m Where the feast was.

24 n That is, the shoulder with the breast, which the Priest had for his family in all peace offerings, Lev. 10.14.

24 o That both by the assembling of the people, and by the meat prepared for you, you might understand that I knew of your coming.

26 p To speak with him secretly: for the houses were flat above.

27 q God's commandment as concerning you.

**T**Hen Samuél toke a viole of <sup>a</sup>oyle and powred it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Hathe not the Lord anointed thee to be governour over his inheritance?

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

3 Then shalt thou go forthe from thence & shalt come to the <sup>^</sup>plaine of Tabór, & there shal mete thee thre men going up to God to Beth-el: one carying thre kiddes, & another carying thre loaves of bread, and another carying a bottle of wine:

4 And thei wil aske thee <sup>^</sup>if all be wel, and wil give thee the two *loaves of bread*, which thou shalt receive of their hands.

5 After that shalt thou come to the <sup>o</sup>hill of God, where is the garisons of the Philistíms: and when thou art come thether to the citie, thou shalt mete a companie of Prophets comming downe from the hie place with a viole, and a tymbrel, and a pipe, and an harpe before them, and thei shal prophecie.

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

7 Therefore when these signes shal come unto thee, do as occasion shal serve: for God *is* with thee.

8 And thou shalt go downe before me to Gilgál: and I also wil come downe unto thee to offer burnt offrings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace. <sup>\*</sup>Tary for me seven daies, til I come to thee and shewe thee what thou shalt do.

9 And when he had turned his <sup>^</sup>backe to go from Samuél, God gave him another <sup>d</sup>heart: and all those tokens came to passe that same day.

10 ¶ And when thei came thether to the hil, beholde, the companie of Prophets met him, and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he <sup>^</sup>prophecied among them.

11 Therefore all the people that knewe him before, when thei sawe that he prophecied among the Prophets, said eche to other? What is come unto the sonne of Kish? <sup>\*</sup>is Saúl also among the Prophets?

12 And one of the same place answered, and said, But who is their <sup>e</sup>father? Therefore it was a proverbe, Is Saúl also among the <sup>f</sup>Prophets?

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

14 And Saúls uncle said unto him, and to his servant, Whether went ye? And he said, To seke the asses: and when we sawe that thei were no where, we came to Samuél.

15 And Saúls uncle said, Tel me, I pray thee, what Samuél said unto you.

16 Then Saúl said to his uncle, He tolde us plainely that the asses were founde: but concerning the kingdome whereof Samuél spake, tolde he him not.

1 a In the Law this anointing signified the gifts of the holy Ghost, which were necessary for them that should rule.

2 <sup>\*</sup>Gen. 35.20.

2 b Samuel confirms him by these signs that God has appointed him King.

3 <sup>^</sup>Or, oak.

4 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., of peace.

5 c Which was an high place in the city of Kiriath-jearim, where the Arke was, Ch. 7.1.

8 <sup>\*</sup>Chap., 13.7.

9 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., shoulder.

9 d He gave him such virtues as were mete for a King.

10 <sup>^</sup>Or, sang praises.

11 <sup>^</sup>Ch. 19.24.

12 e Meaning, that prophecy comes not by succession, but is given, to whom it pleases God.

12 f Noting thereby him that from low degree comes suddenly to honor.

17 ¶ And Samuél <sup>g</sup>assembled the people unto the Lord in Mizpéh,

18 And he said unto the children of Israél, Thus saith the Lord God of Israél, I have broght Israél out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hands of all kingdomes that troubled you.

19 But ye have this day cast away your God, who onely delivereth you out of all your adversities and tribulacions: and ye said unto him, *No*, but appoint a King over us. Now therefore stand ye before the Lord according to your tribes and according to your thousands.

20 And when Samuél had gathered together all the tribes of Israél, the tribe of Benjamín was <sup>h</sup>taken.

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

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

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

24 And Samuél said to all the people, Se ye not him, whome the Lord hathe chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people showted and said, <sup>^</sup>God save the King.

25 Then Samuél tolde the people <sup>k</sup>the duetie of the kingdom, and wrote it in a booke, and layed it up before the Lord, and Samuél sent all the people away every man to his house,

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

27 But the wicked men said, How shal he save us? So thei despised him, and broght him no presentes: but he <sup>l</sup>held his tongue.

## CHAP. 11

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

**T**Hen Nahásh the Ammonite <sup>a</sup>came up, and besieged Jabésh Gileád: and all the men of Jabésh said unto Nahásh, Make a covenant with us, & we wil be thy servants.

2 And Nahásh the Ammonite answered them, On this condition wil I make a covenant with you, that I may thruste out all your <sup>b</sup>right eyes, and bring that shame upon all Israél.

3 To whome the Elders of Jabésh said, Give us seven daies respet, that we may send messengers unto all the coastes of Israél: & then if no man deliver us, we wil come out to thee.

4 ¶ Then came the messengers to Gibeáh of Saúl, and tolde these tidings in the eares of the people: and all the people lift up their voyces and wept.

5 And beholde, Saúl came following the cattel out of the field, and Saúl said, What ayleth this people, that they wepe? And thei tolde him the tidings of the men of Jabésh.

17 g Both to declare unto them their faute in asking a King, and also to show God's sentence therein.

20 h That is, by casting of lot.

22 i As though he were unworthy and unwilling.

24 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., let the King live.

25 k As it is written in Deuteronomy, Ch. 17.15.

27 l Both to avoid sedition, and also to win them by patience.

## Chapter 11

1 a After that Saul was chosen King: for fear of whom they asked a King, as Ch. 12.12.

2 b This declares, that the more near that tyrants are to their destruction, the more cruel they are.



6 Then the Spirit of God <sup>c</sup>came upon Saúl, when he heard those tidings, and he was exceeding angry,

7 And tooke a yoke of oxen, & hewed them in pieces, & sent them throughout all the coastes of Israél by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever commeth not forthe after Saúl, and after <sup>d</sup>Samuél, so shal his oxen be served. And the feare of the Lord fel on the people, and thei came out <sup>e</sup>with one consent.

8 And when he nombred them in Bezék, the children of Israél were thre hundreth thousand men: and the men of Judáh thirty thousand.

9 Then <sup>e</sup>thei said unto the messengers that came, So say unto the men of Jabésh Gileád, Tomorrow by then the sunne be hote, ye shal have helpe And the messengers came and shewed it to the men of Jabésh, which were glad.

10 Therefore the men of Jabésh said, Tomorrow we wil come out unto <sup>f</sup>you, and ye shal do with us all that pleaseth you.

11 ¶ And when the morowe was come, Saúl put the people in thre bands, & thei came in upon the hoste in the morning watch, and slewe the Ammonites until the heate of the day: and thei that remained, were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

12 Then the people said unto Samuél, <sup>g</sup>Who is he that said, Shal Saúl reigne over us? bring those men that we may slaye them.

13 But Saúl said, There shal no man <sup>h</sup>dye this day: for to day the Lord hathe saved Israél.

14 ¶ Then said Samuél unto the people, Come, that we may go to Gilgál, and renew the kingdom there.

15 So all the people went to Gilgál, & made Saúl King there before the Lord in Gilgál: and there thei offred <sup>i</sup>peace offrings before the Lord: and there Saúl and all the men of Israél joyced exceedingly.

## CHAP. 12

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

**S**amuél then said unto all Israél, Beholde, I have <sup>a</sup>hearkened unto your voyce in all that ye said unto me, and have appointed a King over you.

2 Now therefore beholde, *your* King walketh <sup>b</sup>before you, and I am olde & graye headed, and beholde, my sonnes *are* with you: and I have walked before you from my childehode unto this day.

3 Beholde, here I am: <sup>\*</sup>beare recorde of me before the Lord & before his Anointed. <sup>c</sup>Whose oxen have I taken? or whose asse have I taken? or whom have I done wrong to? or whome have I hurte? or of whose hand have I received any bride, to blinde mine eies therewith, and I wil restore it you?

6 <sup>c</sup> God gave him the Spirit of strength and courage to go against this tyrant.

7 <sup>d</sup> He added Samuel, because Saul was not yet approved of all.

7 <sup>e</sup> Ebr., as one man.

9 <sup>e</sup> Meaning, Saul and Samuel.

10 <sup>f</sup> That is, to the Ammonites, dissembling that they had hope of aid.

12 <sup>g</sup> By this victory the Lord won the hearts of the people to Saul.

13 <sup>h</sup> By showing mercy he thought to overcome their malice.

15 <sup>i</sup> In signe of thanksgiving for the victory.

### Chapter 12

1 <sup>a</sup> I have granted your petition.

2 <sup>b</sup> To govern you in peace and war.

3 <sup>\*</sup> Eccles 46:19.

3 <sup>c</sup> God would that this confession should be a pattern for all them that have any charge or office.

4 Then thei said, Thou hast done us no wrong, nor hast hurt us, nether hast thou taken ought of any mans hand.

5 And he said unto them, The Lord is witnes against you, and his <sup>d</sup>Anointed is witnes this day, that ye have found nought in mine hands. And they answered, *He is* witness.

6 Then Samuél said unto the people, It is the Lord that <sup>e</sup>made Mosés and Aarón, and that broght your fathers out of the land of Egypt.

7 Now therefore stand stil, that I may reason with you before the Lord according to all the <sup>e</sup>righteousnes of the Lord, which he shewed to you and to your fathers.

8 <sup>\*</sup>After that Jaakób was come into Egypt, and your fathers cryed unto the Lord, then the Lord <sup>\*</sup>sent Mosés and Aarón which broght your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

9 <sup>\*</sup>And when thei forgate the Lord their God, he solde them into the hand of Siserá <sup>e</sup>captaine of the hoste of Hazór and into the hand of the Philistíms, and into the hand of the King of Moáb, and they foght against them.

10 And thei cryed unto the Lord, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord, & have served Baalím and Ashtaróth. Now therefore deliver us out of the hands of our enemies, and we wil serve thee.

11 Therefore the Lord send <sup>\*</sup>Jerubbáal and <sup>i</sup>Bedan and <sup>\*</sup>Jphtáh, and <sup>\*</sup>Samuél, and delivered you out of the hands of your enemies on everie side, and ye dwelled safe.

12 Notwithstanding when you sawe, that Nahásh the King of the children of Ammón came against you, ye said unto me, <sup>o</sup>No, but a King shal reigne over us: when yet the Lord your God was your King.

13 Now therefore beholde the King whome ye have chosen *and* whome ye have desired: lo therefore, the Lord hathe set a King over you.

14 If ye wil feare the Lord and serve him, and heare his voyce, & not disobey the worde of the Lord, bothe ye, & the King that reigneth over you, shal <sup>h</sup>followe the Lord your God.

15 But if ye wil not obey the voyce of the Lord, but disobey the Lords mouth, then shal the hand of the Lord be upon you, and on your <sup>i</sup>fathers.

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

17 Is it not nowe wheate harvest? I wil call unto the Lord, and he shal send thundre and raine, that ye may perceive and se, how that your wickednes is <sup>k</sup>great, which ye have done in the sight of the Lord in asking you a King.

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

19 And all the people said unto Samuél, Pray for thy servants unto the Lord thy God, that we dye not: for we have sinned in asking you a King, beside <sup>l</sup>all our *other* sinnes.

5 <sup>d</sup> Your King, who is anointed by the commandment of the Lord.

6 <sup>e</sup> Or, exalted.

7 <sup>e</sup> Or, benefits.

8 <sup>\*</sup> Gen. 46: 7.

8 <sup>\*</sup> Exod. 4:16.

9 <sup>\*</sup> Judg. 4:3.

9 <sup>e</sup> Captain of Jabin's host King of Hazor.

11 <sup>\*</sup> That is, Gideon, Judg. 7:1.

11 <sup>f</sup> That is, Samson, Judg. 13:24.

11 <sup>\*</sup> Judg. 11:1.

11 <sup>\*</sup> Ch. 4:1.

12 <sup>g</sup> Leaving God to seek help of man, Ch. 8:5.

14 <sup>h</sup> You shall be preserved as they that follow the Lord's will.

15 <sup>i</sup> Meaning, the governors.

17 <sup>k</sup> In that you have forsaken him, who has all power in his hand, for a mortal man.

19 <sup>l</sup> Not only at other times, but now chiefly.

20 ¶ And Samuél said unto the people, Feare not. (ye have indeed done all this wickednes, <sup>m</sup>yet departe not from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart,  
 21 Nether turne ye backe: for *that shulde be* after vaine things which can not profit you, nor deliver you, for they are but vanitie)  
 22 For the Lord wil not forsake his people for his great Names sake: because it hathe pleased the Lord to make you <sup>n</sup>his people.  
 23 Moreover God forbid, that I shulde sinne against the Lord, and cease praying for you, but I wil shewe you the good and right way.  
 24 Therefore feare you the Lord, and serve him in the trueth with all your <sup>o</sup>hearts, and consider how great things he hathe done for you.  
 25 But if ye do wickedly, ye shal perish, bothe ye, and your King.

### CHAP. 13

*3 The Philistims are smitten of Saul and Jonathán. 13 Saul being disobedient to Gods commandement is shewed of Samuél that he shal not reigne. 19 The great slaverie, wherein the Philistims kept the Israelites.*

**S**aul now had bene King <sup>a</sup>one yere, and he reigned <sup>b</sup>two yerres over Israél. 2 Then Saul chose him thre thousand of Israél: the two thousand were with Saul in Michmásh, & in mount Beth-él, & a thousand were with Jonathán in Gibeáh of Benjamín: and the rest of the people he sent everie one to his tent.

3 And Jonathán smote the garison of the Philistims, that was in the <sup>c</sup>hil: and it came to the Philistims eares: & Saul blew the <sup>d</sup>trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Heare, <sup>e</sup>ô ye Ebrewes.

4 And all Israél heard say, Saul hathe destroyed a garison of the Philistims: wherefore Israél was had in abominacion with the Philistims: and the people gathered together after Saul in Gilgál.

5 ¶ The Philistims also gathered them selves together to fight with Israél, thirtie thousand charets and six thousand horsemen: for the people was like the sand which is by the seas side in multitude, & came up, and pitched in Michmásh Eastwarde from <sup>e</sup>Beth-áven.

6 And when the men of Israél sawe that they were in a straite (*for the people were in distresse*) the people hid themselves in caves, & in holdes, and in rockes, and towres, and in pittes.

7 And *some* of the Ebrewes went over Jordén unto the land of <sup>i</sup>Gad and Gileád: and Saul was yet in Gilgál, and all the people for feare followed him.

8 And he taried seven dayes, according unto the time that Samuél had appointed: but Samuél came not to Gilgál, therefore the people were <sup>o</sup>scattered from him.

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

20 m He shows that there is no sin so great, but it shall be forgiven, if the sinner turns again to God.

22 n Of his free mercy, and not of your merits, and therefore he will not forsake you.

24 o Unfainedly and without hypocrisy.

#### Chapter 13

1 a While these things were done.

1 b Before he took upon him the state of a King.

3 c Of Kiriath-Jearim, where the Ark was, Ch. 10.5.

3 d That everyone should prepare themselves to war.

5 e Which was also called Beth-el, in the tribe of Benjamín.

7 f Where the two tribes and the half remained.

8 g Thinking that the absence of the Prophet was a sign, that they should lose the victory.

10 And assone as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, beholde, Samuél came. and Saul went forthe to mete him, to <sup>^</sup>salute him.

11 And Samuél said, What hast thou done? Then Saul said, Because I sawe that the people was <sup>^</sup>scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the dayes appointed, and that the Philistims gathered them selves together to Michmásh,  
 12 Therefore said I, The Philistims wil come downe now upon me to Gilgál, and I have not made supplication unto the Lord. I was bolde therefore and offered a burnt offering.

13 And Samuél said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandement of the Lord thy <sup>i</sup>God, which he commanded thee: for the Lord had now stablished thy kingdom upon Israél for ever.

14 But now thy kingdome shal not continue: the Lord hathe soght him a <sup>k</sup>man after his owne heart, and the Lord hathe commanded him to be governour over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord had commanded thee.

15 ¶ And Samuél arose, and gate him up from Gilgál in <sup>i</sup>Gibeáh of Benjamín: and Saul nombred the people that were founde with him, about six hundreth men.

16 And Saul and Jonathán his sonne, and the people that were founde with them, had their abiding in Gibeáh of Benjamín: but the Philistims pitched in Michmásh.

17 And there came out of the hoste of the Philistims <sup>^</sup>thre bandes to destroy, one bande turned unto the way of Ophráh unto the land of Shuál,

18 And another bande turned toward the way to Beth-horón, & the <sup>m</sup>thirde bande turned toward the way of the coast that loketh toward the valley of Zeboim, toward the wildernes.

19 Then there was no smith founde through out all the land of Israél: for the Philistims said, Lest the Ebrewes make them swordes or speares.

20 Wherefore all the Israelites went downe to the Philistims, to sharpen everie man his share, his mattocke, and his axe and his weding hooke.

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

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

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

### CHAP. 14

*14 Jonathán and his armour bearer put the Philistims to flight. 24 Saul bindeth the people by an othe, not to eat till evening. 32 The people eat with the blood. 38 Saul wolde put Jonathán to death. 45 The people deliver him.*

**T**hen on a day Jonathán the sonne of Saul said unto the <sup>y</sup>ong man that bare his armour, <sup>a</sup>Come and let us go

10 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., bless him.

11 h Though these causes seem sufficient in man's judgement: yet because they had not the word of God, they turned to his destruction.

13 i Who willed you to obey him and rest upon the words spoken by his Prophet.

14 k That is, David.

15 l And went to his city Ramah.

17 <sup>^</sup>Or, the destroyers: to wit, the captain came out with three bands.

18 m So that to man's judgement these three armies would have overrun the whole country.

22 n To declare that the victory only came of God and not by their force.

#### Chapter 14

1 a By this example God would declare to Israel that the victory did not consist in multitude or armor, but only came of his grace.

over toward the Philistíms garison, that is yonder on the otherside, but he tolde not his father.

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

3 And Ahiáh the sonne of Ahitúb, \*Ichabods brother, the sonne of Phinehás, the sonne of Elí, was the Lords Priest in Shilóh, and ware an Ephód: and the people knewe not that Jonathán was gone.

4 ¶ Now in the way whereby Jonathán soght to go over to the Philistíms garison, there was a ^sharpe rocke on the one side, and a sharpe rocke on the other side: the name of the one was called Bozéz, and the name of the other Séneh.

5 The one rocke stretched from the North toward Michmásh, and the other was from the South toward Gibeáh.

6 And Jonathán said to the yong man that bare his armour, Come, & let us go over unto the garison of these <sup>b</sup>uncircumcised: it may be that the Lord wil worke with us: for it is <sup>^</sup>not hard to the Lord <sup>\*</sup>to save with manie, or with few.

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

8 Then said Jonathán, Beholde, we go over unto those men, and wil shewe our selves unto them.

9 <sup>d</sup>If they say on this wise to us, Tarie until we come to you, then we wil stand stil in our place, and not go up to them.

10 But if they say, Come up unto us, then we wil go up: for <sup>\*</sup>the Lord hathe delivered them into our hand: & this shalbe a signe unto us.

11 So they bothe shewed them selves unto the garison of the Philistims: & the Philistíms said, Se, the Ebrewes come out of the <sup>e</sup>holes wherein they had hid them selves.

12 And the men of the garison answered Jonathán, and his armour bearer, & said, Come up to us: for we wil shewe you a thing. Then Jonathán said unto his armour bearer, Come up after me: for the Lord hathe delivered them into the hand of Israél.

13 So Jonathán went up upon <sup>f</sup>his hands and upon his fete, & his armour bearer after him: & *some* fel before Jonathán, and his armour bearer slewe *others* after him.

14 So the <sup>g</sup>first slaughter which Jonathán and his armour bearer made, was about twentie men within that compasse, as it were within halfe an acre of land which two *oxen plowe*.

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

16 ¶ Then the watchmen of Saúl in Gibeáh of Benjamín sawe: & beholde, the multitude was discomforted, & smitten as they went.

17 Therefore said Saúl unto the people that were with him, Search now and se, who is gone from us. And when they

had nombred, beholde, Jonathán and his armour bearer were not there.

18 And Saúl said unto Ahiáh, Bring hither the Arke of God (for the Arke of God was at that time with the children of Israél)

19 ¶ And while Saúl talked unto the Priest, the noise, that was in the hoste of the Philistíms, spred farther abroad, and increased: therefore Saúl said unto the Priest, <sup>i</sup>Withdrawe thine hand.

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

21 Moreover the Ebrewes that were with the Philistíms before time, and were come with them into all partes of the hoste, even they also turned to be with the <sup>k</sup>Israelites that were with Saúl and Jonathán.

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

23 And so the Lord saved Israél that day: and the battel continued unto Beth-áven.

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

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

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

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

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

29 Then said Jonathán, My father hathe <sup>o</sup>troubled the land: se now how mine eyes are made cleare, because I have tasted a litle of this hony:

30 How muche more, if the people had eaten to day of the spoile of their enemies which they founde? for had there not bene now a greater slaughter among the Philistíms?

31 ¶ And they smote the Philistíms that day, from Michmásh to Aijalón: and the people were exceding faint.

32 So the people turned to the spoyle, and toke shepe, and oxen, and calves, and slewe them on the ground, and the people did eat them <sup>\*</sup>with the blood.

33 Then men told Saúl, saying, Beholde, the people sinne against the Lord, in that thei eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have trespassed: <sup>p</sup>roule a great stone unto me this day.

3 \*Ch. 4.21.

4 ^Or, like a tooth.

6 b To wit, the Philistines.

6 ^Or, none can let the Lord.

6 \*2 Chron. 14.11.

7 c I will follow you whether so ever you go.

9 d This he spoke by the Spirit of prophecy, forasmuch as hereby God gave him assurance of the victory.

10 \*1 Mac, 4.30.

11 e Thus they spoke contemptuously, and by derision.

13 f That is, he crept up, or went up with all hast.

14 g The second was when they slew one another, and the third when the Israelites chased them.

15 h In that the insensible creatures tremble for fear of God's judgement, it declares how terrible his vengeance shalbe against his enemies.

19 i Let the Ephod alone: for I have no leisure now to ask counsel of God, Num. 27.21

20 \*Judg. 7.21, 2 Chron. 20.23.

21 k Though before for fear of the Philistines they declared themselves as enemies to their brethren.

24 l Such was his hypocrisy & arrogance, that he thought to attribute to his policy that, which God had given by the hand of Jonathan.

24 ^Ebr., bread.

26 m That is, the punishment, if they broke their oath.

27 n Which were dim before for weariness and hunger.

28 ^Or, weary.

29 o By making this cruel law.

32 \*Lev. 7.26 and 19.26, Deut. 12.16.

33 p That the blood of the beasts that shall be slain, may be pressed out upon it.

34 Againe Saúl said, Go abroade among the people, and bid them bring me everie man his oxe, & every man his shepe, and slaye them here, and eate and sinne not against the Lord in eating with the blood. And the people broght every man his oxe in his hand that night and slewe them there.

35 Then Saúl made an altar unto the Lord, *and* that <sup>^</sup>was the first altar that he made unto the Lord.

36 ¶ And Saúl said, Let us go downe after the Philistíms by night, and spoyle them until the morning shine, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever thou thinkest best. Then said the Priest, Let us <sup>q</sup>draw nere hither unto God.

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

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

39 For as the Lord liveth, which saveth Israél, thogh it be *done* by Jonathán my sonne, he shal dye the death. But none of all the people answered him.

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

41 Then Saúl said unto the Lord God of Israél, Give <sup>r</sup>a perfect *lot*. And Jonathán & Saúl were taken, but the people escaped.

42 And Saúl said, Cast *lot* betwene me and Jonathán my sonne. And Jonathán was taken.

43 Then Saúl said to Jonathán, Tel me what thou hast done. And Jonathán told him, and said, I tasted a litle hony with the end of the rod, that was in mine hand, and lo, I must dye.

44 Againe Saúl answered, God do so and more also, unles thou dye the death, Jonathán.

45 And the people said unto Saúl, <sup>s</sup>Shal Jonathán dye, who hath so mightely delivered Israél? God forbid. As the Lord liveth there shal not one heere of his head fall to the ground: for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people delivered Jonathán that he dyed not.

46 Then Saúl came up from the Philistíms: & the Philistíms went to their owne place.

47 ¶ So Saúl helde the kingdome over Israél, & foght against all his enemies on everie side, against Moáb, and against the children of Ammón, and against Edóm, and against the Kings of Zobáh, and against the Philistíms: & whosoever he went, he <sup>^</sup>handled them as wicked men.

48 He gathered also an hoste & smote <sup>^</sup>Amalék, & delivered Israél out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

49 Now the sonnes of Saúl were Jonathán, <sup>u</sup>and Ishui, and Malchishúa: and the names of his two daughters, the elder was called Meráb, and the yonger was named <sup>x</sup>Michál.

50 And the name of Saúls wife was Ahinóam the daughter of Ahimáaz: and the name of his chief captaine was <sup>y</sup>Abnér the sonne of Ner, Sauls uncle.

51 And Kish was Sauls father: and Ner the father of Abnér was the sonne of Abiél.

35 <sup>^</sup>Or, of that stone began he to build an altar.

36 <sup>q</sup> To ask counsel of him.

38 \*Judg. 20.2.

38 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., corners.

41 <sup>r</sup> Cause the lot to fall on him that has broken the oath, but he does not consider his presumption in commanding the same oath.

45 <sup>s</sup> The people thought it their duty to rescue him, who of ignorance, had but broken a rash law, and by whom they had received so great a benefit.

47 <sup>^</sup>Or, overcame them.

48 <sup>t</sup> As the Lord had commanded, Deut. 25.17.

49 <sup>u</sup> Called also Abinadab, Ch. 31.2.

49 <sup>x</sup> Which was the wife of David, Ch. 18.27.

50 <sup>y</sup> Whom Joab the captain of David slew, 2 Sam. 3.27.

52 And there was sore warre against the Philistíms all the dayes of Saúl: and <sup>z</sup>whosoever Saúl sawe to be a strong-man, and mete for the warre, he toke him unto him.

## CHAP. 15

3 Saúl is commanded to slay Amalék. 9 He spareth Agág and the best things. 19 Samuél reproveth him. 28 Saúl is rejected of the Lord, and his kingdome given to another. 33 Samuél heweth Agág in pieces.

**A**fterwarde Samuél said unto Saúl, \*The Lord sent me to anoint thee King over his people over Israél: nowe therefore <sup>o</sup>obey the voyce of the wordes of the Lord.

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

3 Nowe *therefore* go, and smite Amalék, and destroye ye all that pertaineth unto them, and have no compassion on them, but <sup>b</sup>slay bothe man and woman, bothe infant and suckeling, bothe oxe, and shepe, bothe camel, and asse.

4 ¶ And Saúl assembled the people, and <sup>^</sup>nombred them in Telaím, two hundred thousand fotemen, and ten thousand men of Judáh.

5 And Saúl came to a citie of Amalék, <sup>^</sup>and set watch at the river.

6 And Saúl said unto the <sup>o</sup>Kenites, Go, departe, *and* get you downe from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed <sup>d</sup>mercy to all the children of Israél, when they came up from Egypt: and the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

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

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

9 But Saúl and the people spared Agág, and the better shepe, and the oxen, and the fat beastes, and the lambes, & all that was good, & they wolde not destroye them: but every thing that was vile and noght worthe, that they destroyed.

10 ¶ Then came the worde of the Lord unto Samuél, saying, 11 It <sup>e</sup>repenteth me that I have made Saúl King: for he is turned from me, & hath not performed my commandments. And Samuél was moved, & cryed unto the Lord all night.

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

13 ¶ Then Samuél came to Saúl, & Saúl said unto him, Blessed be thou of the Lord, I have fulfilled the <sup>f</sup>commandment of the Lord.

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

52 <sup>z</sup> As Samuel had forewarned Ch. 8.11.

## Chapter 15

1 \*Ch. 9.16.

1 <sup>a</sup> Because he had preferred you to this honor, you are bound to obey him.

2 \*Ex. 17.14, Num. 24.20.

3 <sup>b</sup> That this might be an example of God's vengeance against them that deal cruelly with his people.

4 <sup>o</sup>Or, knew their number by the lambs, which they brought.

5 <sup>^</sup>Or, fought in the valley.

6 <sup>c</sup> Which were the posterity of Jethro Moses' father in law.

6 <sup>d</sup> For Jethro came to visit them and gave them good counsel, Ex. 18.19.

11 <sup>e</sup> God in his eternal counsel never changes nor repents, as verse 29, though he seems to us to repent, when anything goes contrary to his temporal election.

13 <sup>f</sup> This is the nature of hypocrites, to be impudent against the truth, to condemn others, and justify themselves.

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

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

17 Then Samuél said, When thou wast <sup>9</sup>litle in thine owne sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israél? for the Lord anointed thee King over Israél.

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

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

20 And Saúl said unto Samuél, Yea, I <sup>h</sup>have obeyd the voyce of the Lord, and have gone the way which the Lord sent me, and have broght Agág the King of Amalék, and have destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people toke of the spoyle, shepe, and oxen, and the chiefest of the things which shulde have bene destroyed, to offer unto the Lord thy God in Gilgál.

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

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

24 Then Saúl said unto Samuél, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandement of the Lord, & thy wordes, because I feared the people, and obeyed their voyce.

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

26 But Samuél said unto Saúl, I wil not returne with thee: for thou hast cast awaye the worde of the Lord, and the Lord hathe cast away thee, that thou shalt not be King over Israél.

27 And as Samuél turned him selfe to go away, he caught the lap of his coat, and it rent.

28 Then Samuél said unto him, The Lord hathe rent the kingdome of Israél from thee this day, and hathe given it to thy <sup>h</sup>neighbour, that is better then thou.

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

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

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

32 Then said Samuél, Bring ye hither to me Agág the King of the Amalekites: and Agág came unto him <sup>^</sup>pleasantly, and Agág said, Truly the <sup>b</sup>bitternes of death is passed.

33 And Samuél said, <sup>\*</sup>As thy sworde hathe made women

17 g Meaning of base condition as Chap. 9.21.

20 h He stands most impudently in his own defense both against God and his own conscience.

22 <sup>\*</sup>Eccles. 34.18, Hos. 6.7, Mat. 9.13 and 12.7.

23 i God hates nothing more than the disobedience of his commandment, though the intent seem never so good to man.

25 k This was not true repentance, but dissimulation, fearing the loss of his kingdom.

28 l That is, David.

29 m Meaning God, who maintains and prefers his.

32 <sup>^</sup>Or, in bonds.

32 n He suspected nothing less than death, or as some write, he passed not for death.

33 <sup>\*</sup>Ex. 17.14, Num. 14.45.

childeles, so shal thy mother be childeles among other women. And Samuél hewed Agág in pieces before the Lord in Gilgál.

34 ¶ So Samuél departed to <sup>o</sup>Ramah, and Saúl went up to his house to Gibeáh of Saúl.

35 And Samuél came nomore to <sup>p</sup>se Saúl until the day of his death: but Samuél mourned for Saúl, and the Lord <sup>q</sup>repented that he made Saúl King over Israél.

## CHAP. 16

*1 Samuél is reprov'd of God, and is sent to anoint David. 7 God regardeth the heart 13 The Spirit of the Lord commeth upon David. 14 The wicked spirit is sent upon Saúl. 19 Saúl sendeth for David.*

**T**He Lord then said unto Samuél, How long wilt thou mourne for Saúl, <sup>a</sup>seing I have cast him away from reigning over Israél? fil thine horne with oyle and come, I wil send thee to Jshái the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a King among his sonnes.

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

3 And call Jshái to the sacrifice, & I wil shewe thee what thou shalt do, and thou shalt anoint unto me him whome I name unto thee.

4 So Samuél did that the Lord bade him, and came to Bethléhem, and the Elders of the towne were <sup>c</sup>astonied at his comming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he answered, Yea: I am come to do sacrifice unto the Lord: sanctifie your selves, & come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jshái and his sonnes, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And when they were come, he loked on Eliáb, and said, Surely the Lords <sup>d</sup>Anointed is before him.

7 But the Lord said unto Samuél, Loke not on his countenance, nor on the height of his stature, because I have refused him: for *God seeth* not as man seeth: for man loketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord beholdeth the <sup>\*</sup>heart.

8 Then Jshái called Abinadáb, and made him come before Samuél. And he said, Nether hathe the Lord chosen this.

9 Then Jshái made Shámáh come. And he said, Nether yet hathe the Lord chosen him.

10 Againe Jshái made his seven sonnes to come before Samuél: and Samuél said unto Jshái, The Lord hath chosen none of these.

11 Finally Samuél said unto Jshái, <sup>^</sup>Are there no more children *but these*? And he said, There remaineth yet a litle one behinde, that kepeth the shepe. Then Samuél said unto Jshái, <sup>\*</sup>Send and fet him: for we wil not sit downe, til he be come hither.

12 And he sent, and broght him in: and he was ruddie, & of

34 o Where his house was.

35 p Though Saul came where Samuel was, Ch. 19.22.

35 q As, verse 11.

## Chapter 16

1 a Signifying, that we ought not to show ourselves more pitiful then God, nor to lament them, whom he casts off.

2 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., in your hand.

2 b That is, to make a peace offering, which might be done though the Ark was not there.

4 c Fearing, lest some grievous crime had been committed, because the Prophet was not wont to come thether.

6 d Thinking, that Eliab had been appointed of God to be made King.

7 <sup>\*</sup>1 Chron. 28.9, Jer. 11.20, 17.10, and 20.12, Psalm 7.10.

11 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., are the children ended?

11 <sup>\*</sup>2 Sam. 7.8, Psalm 78.70 and 89.20.

a good countenance, and comelie visage. And the Lord said, Arise, *and* anoint him: for this is he.

13 Then Samuél toke the horne of oyle, and anointed him in the middes of his brethren. And the \*Spirit of the Lord ^came upon David, from that day forward: then Samuél rose up, and went to Ramáh.

14 ¶ But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saúl, and an <sup>e</sup>evil spirit *sent* of the Lord vexed him.

15 And Saúls servants said unto him, Beholde now, the evil spirit of God vexeth thee.

16 Let our Lord therefore commande thy servants, *that are* before thee, to seke a man, that is a conning player upon the harpe: that when the evil spirit of God commeth upon thee, he may playe with his hand, and thou maiest be eased.

17 Saúl then said unto his servants, Provide me a man, I pray you, that can play wel, and bring him to me.

18 Then answered one of his servants, and said, Beholde, I have sene a <sup>i</sup>sonne of Jshái, a Bethlehemite, that can playe, and is strong, valiant & a man of warre and wise in matters, and a comely persone, and the Lord is with him.

19 ¶ Wherefore Saúl sent messengers unto Jshái, and said, Send me David thy sonne, which is with the shepe.

20 And Jshái toke an asse *laden* with bread and a flagon of wine and a kid, & sent them by the hand of David his sonne unto Saúl.

21 And David came to Saúl, and <sup>^</sup>stode before him: and he loved him very wel, and he was his armour bearer.

22 And Saúl sent to Jshái, saying, Let David now remaine with me: for he hath founde favour in my sight.

23 And so when the *evil* spirit of God came upon Saúl, David toke an harpe & plaied with his hand, & Saúl was <sup>9</sup>refreshed, and was eased: for the evil spirit departed from him.

## CHAP. 17

*1 The Philistims make warre against Israél. 10 Goliáth defieth Israél. 17 David is sent to his brethren. 34 The strength & boldenes of David. 47 The Lord saveth not by sworde nor speare. 50 David killeth Goliáth & the Philistims flee.*

**N**ow the Philistims gathered their armies to battel, and came together to Shochóh, which is in Judáh, and pitched betwene Shochóh and Azekáh, <sup>^</sup>in the coast of Dammím.

2 And Saúl, and the men of Israél assembled, and pitched in the valley <sup>^</sup>of Eláh, & put them selves in battel array to mete the Philistims.

3 And the Philistims stode on a mountaine on one side, and Israél stode on the mountaine on the other side: so a valley was betwene them.

4 ¶ Then came a man betwene them <sup>a</sup>bothe out of the tentes of the Philistims, named Goliáth of Gath: his height was six cubits and an hand breath,

13 \*Acts 7,46 and 13.22.

13 ^Or, prospered.

14 e The wicked spirits are at God's commandment to execute his will against the wicked.

18 f Though David was now anointed King by the Prophet, yet God would exercise him in sundry sorts before he had the use of his kingdom.

21 ^Or, served him.

23 g God would that Saul should receive this benefit as at David's hand, that his condemnation might be the more evident, for his cruel hate toward him.

## Chapter 17

1 ^Or, in Ephes-dammim.

2 ^Or, of the oak.

4 a Between the two camps.

5 And had an helmet of brasse upon his head, & a <sup>^</sup>brigandine upon him: and the weight of his brigandine was five thousand <sup>b</sup>shekels of brasse.

6 And he had <sup>^</sup>bootes of brasse upon his legges, and a shilde of brasse upon his shoulders.

7 And the shafte of his speare was like a weavers beame: and his speare head *weyed* six hundreth shekels of yron: and one bearing a shilde went before him.

8 And he stode, and cryed against the hoste of Israél, and said unto them, Why are ye come to set your battel in array? am not I a Philistím, and you servants to Saúl? chose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

9 If he be able to fight with me, and <sup>^</sup>kil me, then wil we be your servants: but if I overcome him, and kil him, then shal ye be our servants, and serve us.

10 Also the Philistím said, I defie the hoste of Israél this day: give me a man, that we may fight <sup>^</sup>together.

11 When Saúl and all Israél heard those wordes of the Philistím, they were discouraged, and greatly afrayed.

12 ¶ Now this David was the <sup>\*</sup>sonne of an Ephrathite of Beth-léhem Judáh, named Jshái, which had eight sonnes: & <sup>^</sup>this man was taken for an olde man in the dayes of Saúl.

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

14 So David was the least: & the thre eldest went after Saúl.

15 David also <sup>9</sup>went, but he returned from Saúl to fede his fathers shepe in Beth-léhem.

16 And the Philistims drewe nere in the morning, & evening, and continued fourtie dayes.

17 And Jshái said unto David his sonne, <sup>d</sup>Take now for thy brethren an Epháh of this parched corne, & these ten cakes, and runne to the hoste to thy brethren.

18 Also cary these ten fresh cheses unto the captaine, and loke how thy brethren fare, and receive their <sup>e</sup>pledge.

19 (Then Saúl and they, and all the men of Israél *were* in the valley of Eláh, fighting with the Philistims)

20 ¶ So David rose up early in the morning, and left the shepe with a keper, & toke & went as Jshái had commanded him, and came within the compasse of the hoste: and the hoste went out in array, and showed in the battel.

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

22 And David left the things, which he bare, under the hands of the keper of the <sup>^</sup>cariage, and ran into the hoste, and came, and asked his brethren <sup>^</sup>how they did.

23 And as he talked with them, beholde, the man *that was* betwene the two *armies*, came up, (whose name was Goliáth the Philistím of Gath) out of the <sup>^</sup>armie of the Philistims, and spake <sup>f</sup>suche words, and Davie heard them.

5 ^Or, coat of plate.

5 b That is, 156 lib and 4 ounces, after half an ounce the shekel & 600 shekels weight amounts to 18 lib 3 quarters. [lib. Is the abbreviation of Libra Latin for pound]

6 ^Or, greaves.

9 ^Ebr., smite me.

10 ^Or, hand to hand.

12 \*Ch. 16.13.

12 ^Or, he was counted among them that bare office.

15 c To serve Saul, as Ch. 16.19.

17 d Though Jessie meant one thing, yet God's providence directed David to another end.

18 e If they have laid anything to gage for their necessity, redeem it out.

22 ^Ebr., vessels.

22 ^Ebr., of peace.

23 ^Or, valley.

23 f As are above rehearsed, verses 8 and 9.

24 And all the men of Israël, when they sawe the man, ran away from him, and were sore afrayed.

25 For every man of Israël said, Sawe ye not this man that cometh up? even to revile Israël is he come up: & to him that killeth him, wil the King give great riches, and wil give him his \*daughter, yea, & make his fathers house <sup>9</sup>free in Israël.

26 ¶ Then David spake to the men that stode with him, and said, What shalbe done to the man that killeth this Philistím, and taketh away the <sup>h</sup>shame from Israël? for who is this uncircumcised Philistím, that he shulde revile the hoste of the living God?

27 And the people answered him after this maner, saying, Thus shal it be done to the man that killeth him.

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

29 Then David said, What have I now done? Is there not a <sup>i</sup>cause?

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

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

32 So David said to Saúl, Let no mans heart faile him, because of him: thy servant wil go, & fight with this Philistím.

33 And Saúl said to David, Thou art not <sup>k</sup>able to go against this Philistím to fight with him: for thou art a boye, and he is a man of warre from his youth.

34 And David answered unto Saúl, Thy servant kept his fathers shepe, and there came a <sup>l</sup>lyon and likewise a beare, and toke a shepe out of the flocke,

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

36 So thy servant slewe bothe the lyon, and the beare: therefore this uncircumcised Philistím shalbe as one of them, seing he hath railed on the hoste of the living God.

37 ¶ Moreover David said, The Lord that delivered me out of the pawe of the lyon, and out of the pawe of the beare, he wil deliver me out of the hand of this Philistím. Then Saúl said unto David, <sup>m</sup>Go, and the Lord be with thee.

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

39 Then girded David his sworde upon his rayment, and <sup>^</sup>began to go: for he never proved it: & David said unto Saúl, I can not go with these: for I am not accustomed, wherefore David put them of him.

40 Then toke he his <sup>n</sup>staffe in his hand, and chose him five smothe stones out of a brooke, & put them in his shepherdes bag or skippe, and his sling was in his hand, and he drewe nere to the Philistím.

25 \*Josh. 15.26.

25 g From taxes, and payments.

26 h This dishonor that he does to Israel.

29 i For his father's sending was a just occasion, and also he felt himself inwardly moved the God's Spirit.

33 k Here Satan proves David's faith by the infidelity of Saul.

34 l David by the experience that he had had in time past of God's help, nothing doubted to overcome this danger, seeing he was zealous for God's honor.

37 m For by these examples he saw that the power of God was with him.

39 <sup>^</sup>Or, assayed.

40 n To the intent that by these weak means God might only be known to be the author of this victory.

41 ¶ And the Philistím came and drewe nere unto David, and the man that bare the shield *went* before him.

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

43 And the Philistím said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou commest to me with staves? And the Philistím <sup>o</sup>cursed David to his gods.

44 And the Philistím said to David, Come to me, and I wil give thy flesh unto the foules of the heaven, and to the beastes of the field.

45 ¶ Then said David to the Philistím, Thou commest to me with a sworde, and with a speare, and with a shield; but I come to thee in the Name of the Lord of hostes, the God of the hoste of Israël, whome thou hast railed upon.

46 This <sup>p</sup>day shal the Lord close thee in mine hand, and I shal smite thee, and take thine head from thee, and I wil give the carkeises of the hoste of the Philistíms this day unto the foules of the heaven, and to the beastes of the earth, that all the worlde may knowe that Israël hathe a God.

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

48 And when the Philistím arose to come and drawe nere unto David, David <sup>q</sup>hasted & ran to fight against the Philistím.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and toke out a stone, and slang it and smote the Philistím in his forehead, that the stone sticked in his forehead, & he fel groveling to the earth.

50 So David <sup>\*</sup>overcame the Philistím with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistím, and slewe him, and David had no sworde in his hand.

51 Then David ran, and stode upon the Philistím, and toke his sworde and drewe it out of his sheath, and slewe him, and cut of his head therewith. So when the Philistíms sawe, that their champion was dead, they fled.

52 All the men of Israël and Judáh arose, and showted, and followed after the Philistíms, until thei came to the <sup>^</sup>valley, & unto the gates of Ekrón: & the Philistíms fel downe wounded by the way of Shaaráim, even to Gath and to Ekrón.

53 And the children of Israël returned from pursuing the Philistíms, and spoiled their tents.

54 And David toke the head of the Philistím, and brought it to Jerusalém, and put his armour in his <sup>^</sup>tent.

55 ¶ When Saúl sawe David go forthe against the Philistím, he said unto Abnér the captaine of his hoste, Abnér, 'whose sonne is this yong man? and Abnér answered, As thy soule liveth, ô King, I can not tel.

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

57 And when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistím, then Abnér toke him, and brought him before Saúl with the head of the Philistím in his hand.

58 And Saúl said to him, Whose sonne art thou, thou yong man? And David answered, I am the sonne of thy servant Jshái the Bethlehemite.

## CHAP. 18

43 o He swore by his gods that he would destroy him.

46 p David being assured both of his cause and of his calling, prophecies of the destruction of the Philistines.

48 q Being moved with a fervent zeal to be revenged upon this blasphemous of God's Name.

50 \*Eccles. 47.4, 1 Mac. 4.30.

52 <sup>^</sup>Or, Gai, the city.

54 <sup>^</sup>Or, house at Bethlehem.

55 r That is, of what family and tribe is he? or else, he had forgotten David, albeit he had received so great a benefit by him.

1 *The amitie of Jonathán and David. 8 Saúl envieth David for the praise that the women gave him 11 Saúl wolde have slayne David 17 He promiseth him Meráb to wife, but giveth him Michal 27 David delivereth to Saúl two hundreth foreskinnes of the Philistims. 29 Saúl feareth David, seing that the Lord is with him.*

**A**ND when he had made an end of speaking unto Saúl, the <sup>a</sup>soule of Jonathán was knit with the soule of David, and Jonathán loved him, as his owne soule.

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

3 Then Jonathán and David made a covenant: for he loved him as his owne soule.

4 And Jonathán put of the robe that was upon him, and gave it David, and his garments, even to his sworde, and to his bowe, and to his girdle.

5 And David went out whethersoever Saúl sent him, and behaved him selfe <sup>b</sup>wisely: so that Saúl set him over the men of warre, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Sauls servants.

6 ¶ When thei came againe, and David returned from the slaughter of the <sup>c</sup>Philistim, the women came out of all cities of Israél, singing and dansing to mete King Saúl, with timbrels, with *instruments of joye*, and with rebecks.

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

8 Therefore Saúl was exceding wrath, and the saying displeased him, and he said, Thei have ascribed unto David ten thousand, and to me thei have ascribed *but* a thousand, and *what can he have* more save the kingdome?

9 Wherefore Saúl <sup>o</sup>had an eye on David from that day forwarde.

10 ¶ And on the morowe, the evil spirit of God came upon Saúl, and he <sup>e</sup>prophecied in the middes of the house: and David plaied with his hand like as at other times, and there was a speare in Sauls hand.

11 And Saúl toke the speare, and said, I wil smite David *through* to the wall. But David avoyded twice out of his presence.

12 And Saúl was afraied of David, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saúl.

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

14 And David behaved him selfe wisely in all his waies: for the Lord was with him.

15 Wherefore when Saúl sawe that he was very wise, he was afraied of him.

16 For all Israél and Judáh loved David, because he went out and in before them.

17 ¶ Then Saúl said to David, Beholde mine eldest daughter Meráb, her I wil give thee to wife: onely be a valiant sonne unto me, and <sup>g</sup>fight the Lords battels: for Saúl thoght, Mine hand shal not be upon him, but the hand of the Philistims shalbe upon him.

18 And David answered Saúl, What am I? and what is my life, or the familie of my father in Israél, that I shulde be sonne in lawe to the King?

1 a His affection was fully bent toward him.

5 b That is, he prospered in all his doings.

6 c To wit, Goliath.

7 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., answered, playing.

7 \*Ch. 21.11 and 29.5, Eccles 47.6.

9 d Because he bore him envy and hatred.

10 e That is, spoke as a man beside himself: for so the people abused this word, when they could not understand.

13 f Meaning, he was captain over the people.

17 g Fight against them that war against God's people.

19 Howbeit when Meráb Saúls daughter shulde have bene given to David, <sup>h</sup>she was given unto Adriél a Meholathite to wife.

20 ¶ Then Michál Saúls daughter loved David: and thei shewed Saúl, and the thing pleased him.

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

22 And Saúl commanded his servants, Speake with David secretly, and say, Beholde, the King hathe a favour to thee, and all his servants love thee: be now therefore the Kings sonne in lawe.

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

24 And then Saúls servants broght him worde againe, saying, Suche wordes spake David.

25 And Saúl said, This wise shal ye say to David, The King desireth no dowrie, but an hundreth foreskinnes of the Philistims, to be avenged of the Kings enemies: for Saúl thoght to make David fall into the hands of the Philistims.

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

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

28 Then Saúl sawe, and understode that the Lord was with David, and that Michál the daughter of Saúl loved him.

29 Then Saúl was more and more <sup>n</sup>afraied of David, & Saúl became alway Davids enemy.

30 And when the princes of the Philistims went forthe, at their going forthe <sup>o</sup>David behaved him selfe more wisely then all the servantes of Saúl, so that his name was muche set by.

## CHAP. 19

*2 Jonathán declareth to David the wicked purpose of Saúl 11 Michál his wife saveth him 18 David commeth to Samuél. 23 The Spirit of prophecie commeth on Saúl.*

**T**HEN Saúl spake to Jonathán his sonne, and to all his servants, that they shulde <sup>a</sup>kill David: but Jonathán Saúls sonne had a great favour to David.

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

3 And I wil go out, and stand by my father in the field where thou <sup>b</sup>art, and wil commune with my father of thee, and I wil se what *he saith* and wil tel thee.

19 h By whom he had five sonnes, which David put to death at the request of the Gibeonites, 2 Sam. 21.8.

21 i So his hypocrisy appeared: for under pretense of favor he sought his destruction.

23 k Meaning, that he was not able to endow his wife with riches.

26 l Because he thought himself able to compass the King's request.

27 m Meaning, David and his soldiers.

29 n To be deprived of his kingdom.

30 o That is, David had better success against the Philistines then Saúl's men.

## Chapter 19

1 a Before Saul sought David's life secretly, but now his hypocrisy burst forth to open cruelty.

3 b That I may give you warning what to do.



4 ¶ And Jonathán spake good of David unto Saúl his father, and said unto him, Let not the King sinne against his servant, against David: for he hathe not sinned against thee, but his workes have bene to thee very good.

5 For he <sup>^</sup>did \*put his life in danger, and slewe the Philistím, & the Lord wrought a great salvation for all Israél: thou sawest it, and thou rejoystedst: wherefore then wilt thou sinne against innocent blood, and slaye David without a cause?

6 Then Saúl hearkened unto the voyce of Jonathán, and Saúl <sup>^</sup>sware, As the Lord liveth, he shal not dye.

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

8 ¶ Againe the warre began, and David went out and foght with the Philistíms, and slewe them with a great slaughter, and they fled from him.

9 ¶ And the evil Spirit of the Lord was upon Saúl, as he sate in his house having his speare in his hand, & David <sup>^</sup>played with his hand.

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

11 Saúl also sent messengers unto Davids house, to watche him, and to slaye him in the morning: and Michál Davids wife tolde it him, saying, If thou save not thy self this night, tomorowe thou shalt be slaine.

12 So Michál <sup>^</sup>let David downe through a windowe: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

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

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

15 And Saúl sent the messengers againe to se David, saying, Bring him to me in the <sup>^</sup>bed, that I may slaye him.

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

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

18 ¶ So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuél to Ramáh, and tolde him all that Saúl had done to him: and he and Samuél went and dwelt in <sup>^</sup>Naióth.

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

20 And Saúl sent messengers to take David: and when they sawe a companie of Prophets prophecying, and Samuél standing <sup>^</sup>has appointed over them; the Spirit of God fel upon the messengers of Saúl, and they also <sup>^</sup>prophecied.

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

5 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., he put his soul in his hand.

5 \*Judg. 9.17 and 12.3, 1 Sam. 27.1-2, Psalm 119.109.

6 c Whatsoever he pretended outwardly, yet his heart was full of malice.

9 d He played on his harp to mitigate the rage of the evil Spirit, as Chap. 16.23.

12 e Thus God moved both the son and daughter of this tyrant to favor David against their father.

15 f Behold, how that tyrants to accomplish their rage, neither regard oath nor friendship, God nor man.

18 g Naioth was a school where the word of God was studied, near to Ramah.

20 h Being their chief instructor.

20 i Changed their minds and praised God.

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

23 And he <sup>^</sup>went thither, *even* to Naióth in Ramáh, and the Spirit of God came upon him also, and he went prophecying until he came to Naióth in Ramáh.

24 And he stript of his <sup>^</sup>clothes, and he prophecied also before Samuél, and fel <sup>^</sup>downe naked all that day and all that night: therefore they say, \*Is Saúl also among the Prophets?

## CHAP. 20

*2 Jonathán comforteth David 3 They renue their league 33 Saúl wolde have killed Jonathán 38 Jonathán advertiseth David by thre arrowes of his fathers fury.*

¶ And David <sup>^</sup>fled from Naióth in Ramáh, and came and said before Jonathán, What have I done? what *is* mine iniquitie? and what sinne have I committed before thy father, that he seketh my life?

2 And he said unto him, God forbid, thou shalt not dye: beholde, my father wil do nothing great nor smale, but he wil <sup>^</sup>shew it me: and why shulde my father hide this thing from me? he wil not do it.

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

4 Then said Jonathán unto David, Whatsoever thy soule <sup>^</sup>requireth, that I wil do unto thee.

5 And David said unto Jonathán, Beholde, tomorowe is the <sup>^</sup>first day of the moneth, & I shulde sit with the King at meat: but let me go, that I may hide my selfe in the fields unto the third *day* at even.

6 If thy father make mencion of me, then say, David asked leave of me, that he might go to Beth-léhem to his owne citie: for there is a <sup>^</sup>yerely sacrifice for all that familie.

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

8 So shalt thou shewe mercy unto thy servant: \*for thou hast joyned thy servant into a covenant of the Lord with thee, and if there be in me iniquitie, slaye thou me: for why shuldest thou bring me to thy father?

9 ¶ And Jonathán answered, God kepe that from thee: for if I knewe that wickednes were <sup>^</sup>concluded of my father to come upon thee, wolde not I tel thee?

10 Then said David to Jonathán, Who <sup>^</sup>shal tel me? how *shal I knowe*, if thy father answer thee cruelly?

11 And Jonathán said to David, Come and let us go out into the field: and they twaine went out into the field.

23 k With a mind to persecute them.

24 l His kingly apparel.

24 m He humbled himself as other did.

24 \*Chap. 10.11.

## Chapter 20

1 a For Saul was stayed, and prophecied a day and a night by God's providence, that David might have time to escape.

2 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., reveal it in my ear.

3 b I am in great danger of death.

4 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., says.

5 c At what time there should be a solemn sacrifice, Num. 28.11: to the which they added peace offerings and feasts.

6 d Read Chap. 1.21.

8 \*Chap. 18.3 and 23.18.

9 e That he was fully determined.

10 f If your father do favor me.

12 Then Jonathán said to David, O Lord God of Israél, when I have groped my fathers mind tomorowe at this time, *or* with in this thre dayes, and if it be wel with David, and I then send not unto thee, and shewe it thee,

13 The Lord <sup>9</sup>do so and muche more unto Jonathán: but if my father have minde to do thee evil, I wil shewe thee also, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the Lord be with thee as he hathe bene with my father.

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

15 But *I require* that thou cut not of thy mercie from mine house for ever: no, not when the Lord hathe destroyed the enemies of David, everie one from the earth.

16 So Jonathán made a bonde with the house of David, *saying*, Let the Lord require it at the hands of Davids enemies.

17 And againe Jonathán sware unto David, because he loved him (for he loved him as his owne soule)

18 Then said Jonathán to him, Tomorowe is the first day of the moneth: and thou shalt <sup>^</sup>be looked for, for thy place shalbe empty.

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

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

21 And after I wil send a boy, *saying*, Go, seke the arrowes. If I say unto the boy, Se, the arrowes are on this side thee, bring them, and come thou: for it is <sup>^</sup>wel with thee and no hurt, as the Lord liveth.

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

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

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

25 And the King sate, as at other times upon his seat, even upon his seat by the wall: and Jonathán arose, and Abnér sate by Sauls side, but Davids place was empty.

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

27 But on the morow which was the second day of the moneth, Davids place was emptie againe: and Saúl said unto Jonathán his sonne, Wherefore commeth not the sonne of Jshái to meat, nether yesterday nor to day?

28 And Jonathán answered unto Saúl, David required of me, *that he might go* to Beth-léhem.

29 For he said, Let me go, I pray thee: for our familie *offreth* <sup>ma</sup>a sacrifice in the citie, and my brother hathe sent for me: therefore now if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me go, I pray thee, and se my <sup>n</sup>brethren: this is the cause that he commeth not unto the Kings table.

30 Then was Saúl angry with Jonathán, and said unto him, Thou <sup>o</sup>sonne of the wicked rebellious woman, do not I

13 g The Lord punish me most grievously.

14 h I know that if you were now preferred to the kingdom, you would not destroy me, but show yourself friendly to my posterity.

18 <sup>^</sup>Or, mentioned.

19 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., of the way, because it served as a sign to show the way to them that passed by.

21 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., peace.

22 i The Lord is the author of your departure.

26 k Yet he might have some business to let him.

27 l Thus he speaks contemptuously of David.

29 m That is a peace offering.

29 n Meaning all his kinfolk.

30 o You are ever contrary unto me as your mother is.

knowe, that thou hast chosen the sonne of Jshái to thy confusion and to the confusion *and* shame of thy mother?

31 For as long as the sonne of Jshái liveth upon the earth, thou shalt not be stablished, nor thy kingdome: wherefore now send and fet him unto me, for he <sup>^</sup>shal surely dye.

32 And Jonathán answered unto Saúl his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shal he <sup>p</sup>dye? what hathe he done?

33 And Saúl cast a speare at him to hit him, whereby Jonathán knewe, that it was determined of his father to slaye David.

34 ¶ So Jonathán arose from the table in a great angre, and did eat no meat the second day of the moneth: for he was sorry for David, *and* because his father had reviled him.

35 On the next morning therefore Jonathán went out into the field, <sup>9</sup>at the time appointed with David, & a little boy with him.

36 And he said unto his boy, Runne now, seke the arrowes which I shoote, & as the boy ran, he shot an arrowe beyonde him.

37 And when the boy was come to the place where the arrow was that Jonathán had shot, Jonathán cryed after the boy, and said, Is not the arrowe beyond thee?

38 And Jonathán cryed after the boy, <sup>r</sup>Make spede, haste *and* stand not stil: & Jonatháns boy gathered up the arrowes, and came to his master,

39 But the boy knewe nothing: onely Jonathán and David knewe the matter.

40 Then Jonathán gave his <sup>^</sup>bowe and arrowes unto the boy that was with him, and said unto him, Go, carie them into the citie.

41 ¶ Assone as the boy was gone, David arose out of a place that was towarde the <sup>s</sup>South, and fel on his face to the ground, and bowed him selfe thre times: and they kyssed one an other, and wept bothe twaine, til David exceded.

42 Therefore Jonathán said to David, Go in peace: that which we have <sup>s</sup>sworne bothe of us in the Name of the Lord, saying, The Lord be betwene me and thee, and betwene my sede and betwene thy sede, *let it stand* for ever.

43 And he arose & departed, & Jonathán went into the citie.

## CHAP. 21

*1 David fleeth to Nob to Ahimélech the Priest. 6 He getteth of him the showbread to satisfie his hungre. 7 Doég Sauls servant was present. 10 David fleeth to King Achish, 13 And there faineth him selfe mad.*

**T**Hen came David to <sup>a</sup>Nob, to Ahimélech the Priest, and Ahimélech was astonyed at the meting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?

2 And David said to Ahimélech the Priest, The <sup>b</sup>King hathe commanded me a certeine thing, and hathe said unto me, Let no man knowe whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee, and I have appointed my servants to suche *and* suche places.

3 Now therefore if thou hast oght under thine hand, give me five *cakes of* bread, or what commeth to hand.

31 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., son of death.

32 p For it was too great tyranny to put one to death and not to show the cause why.

35 q For this was the third day, as it was agreed upon, verse 5.

38 r By these words he admonished David what he ought to do.

40 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., instruments.

41 s It seems that he had shot on the Northside of the stone, lest the boy should have espied David.

42 t Which oath he called in the eighth verse the covenant of the Lord.

## Chapter 21

1 a Where the Ark then was, to ask counsel of the Lord.

2 b These infirmities that we see in the saints of God, teach us that none has his justice in himself, but receives it of God's mercy.

4 And the Priest answered David, & said, There is no com-mune bread under mine hand, but here is \*halowed bread, if the yong men have kept them selves, at least from <sup>c</sup>women.

5 David then answered the Priest, & said unto him, Certeinly women have bene separate from us these two or thre dayes since I came out: & the <sup>d</sup>vessels of the yong men were holy, thogh the way were prophane, and how muche more then shal *every one* <sup>e</sup>be sanctified this day in the vessel?

6 So the Priest gave him halowed *bread*: for there was no bread there, save the shewbread that was taken from before the Lord, to put hote bread there, the day that it was taken away.

7 (And there was the same day one of the servants of Saúl <sup>f</sup>abiding before the Lord, named Doég the Edomite, the <sup>g</sup>chiefest of Saúl herdemen)

8 And David said unto Ahimélech, Is there not here under thine hand a speare or a sworde? for I have nether broght my sworde nor mine <sup>h</sup>haines with me, because the Kings busines required haste.

9 And the Priest said, The sworde of Goliáth the Philistím, whome thou slewest in the <sup>i</sup>valley of Eláh, beholde, it is wrapt in a clothe behinde the <sup>j</sup>Ephôd: if thou wilt take that to thee, take it: for there is none other save that here, and David said, There is none to that, give it me.

10 And David arose and fled the same day from the <sup>k</sup>presence of Saúl, and went to Achish the King of Gath.

11 And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the <sup>l</sup>King of the land? did they not sing unto him in dances, saying, <sup>m</sup>Saúl hathe slaine his thousand, and David his ten thousand?

12 And David <sup>n</sup>considered these wordes, & was sore afraid of Achish the King of Gath.

13 And he changed his behavoure before them, and fained him selfe mad in their hands, and <sup>o</sup>scrabed on the dores of the gate, and let his spetle fall downe upon his bearde.

14 Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye se the man is beside him selfe, wherefore have ye broght him to me?

15 Have I nede of mad men, that ye have broght this fellowe to play the mad man in my presence? <sup>p</sup>shal he come into mine house?

## CHAP. 22

1 David hideth him selfe in a cave. 2 Many that were in trouble came unto him 9 Doég accuseth Ahimélech. 18 Saúl causeth the Priests to be slaine 20 Abiathár escapeth.

**D**avid therefore departed thence, and saved him selfe in the cave <sup>q</sup>of Adullám: and when his brethren and all his fathers house heard it, they went downe thither to him.

2 And there gathered unto him all men that were in trouble and all men that were in det, and all those that were vexed in

4 \*Exod. 25.30, Lev. 24.5, Mat. 12.3.

4 c If they have not companied with their wives.

5 d That is, their bodies.

5 e Shalbe more careful to keep his vessel holy, when he shall have eaten of this holy food?

7 f Tarrying to worship before the Ark.

7 <sup>g</sup>Or, master of them that keep Saul's cattle.

8 <sup>h</sup>Other weapons.

9 \*Chap. 17.2.

9 g Behind that place, where the high Priest's garment lay.

10 h That is, out of Saul's dominion.

11 \*Chap. 17.9.

11 \*Chap. 18.7 and 29.5, Eccles 47.7.

12 <sup>i</sup>Ebr., put these words in his heart.

13 i By making marks and toys.

15 k Is he mete to be in a King's house?

### Chapter 22

1 a Which was in the tribe of Judah and near to Bethlehem.

minde, and he was their <sup>a</sup>prince, and there were with him about foure hundreth men.

3 ¶ And David went thence to Mizpéh in <sup>b</sup>Moáb, & said unto the King of Moáb, I pray thee, let my father and my mother come *and abide* with you, til I knowe what God wil do for me.

4 And he <sup>c</sup>broght them before the King of Moáb, and they dwelt with him all the while that David kept him selfe in <sup>d</sup>the holde.

5 And the Prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the holde, *but* departe and go into the land of Judáh. Then David departed and came into the forest of Háreth.

6 ¶ And Saúl heard that David was <sup>e</sup>discovered, and the men that were with him, and Saúl remained in Gibeáh under a tre in Ramáh, having his speare in his hand, and all his men stode about him.

7 And Saúl said unto his servants that stode about him, Heare now, ye sonnes <sup>f</sup>of Jeminí, wil the sonne of Jshái give everie one of you fields and vineyardes? wil he make you all captaines over thousands, and captaines over hundreths?

8 That all ye have conspired against me, and there is none that telleth me that my sonne hathe made a covenant with the sonne of Jshái? and there is none of you that is sory for me, or sheweth me, that my <sup>g</sup>sonne hathe stirred up my servant to lye in wait against me, as *appeareth* this day.

9 ¶ Then answered Doég the Edomite (who was appointed over the servants of Saúl) & said, I sawe the sonne of Jshái when he came to Nob, to Ahimélech the sonne of Ahitúb,

10 Who asked counsel of the Lord for him & gave him vitails, and he gave him also the sworde of Goliáth the Philistím.

11 Then the King sent to call Ahimélech the Priest the sonne of Ahitúb, and all his fathers house, *to wit*, <sup>h</sup>the Priests that were in Nob: and they came all to the King.

12 And Saúl said, Heare now thou sonne of Ahitúb. And he answered, Here I am, my lord.

13 Then Saúl said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the sonne of Jshái, in that thou hast given him vitaille, & a sworde, and hast asked counsel of God for him, that he shulde rise against me, and lye in waite as appeareth this day?

14 ¶ And Ahimélech answered the King, and said, Who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, *being* also the Kings sonne in lawe, and goeth at thy commandement, and is honorable in thine house?

15 <sup>i</sup>Have I this day first begon to aske counsel of God for him? be it far from me, let not the King impute any thing unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father: for thy servant knewe nothing of all this, lesse nor more.

16 Then the King said, Thou shalt surely dye, Ahimélech, thou, and all thy fathers house.

17 And the King said unto the <sup>j</sup>sergents that stode about him, Turne, & slaye the Priests of the Lord, because their hand also is with David, & because they knewe when he fled, and shewed it not to me. But the servants of the King

2 <sup>a</sup>Or, captain.

3 b For there was another so called in Judah.

4 c For he feared the rage of Saul against his house.

4 d That is, in Mizpeh, which was a stronghold.

6 e That a great brute went on him.

7 f You that are of my tribe and lineage.

8 g Hereby he would persuade them that this conspiracy was most horrible, where the son conspired against the father, and the servant against his master.

11 h Which were the remnant of the house of Eli, whose house God threatened to punish.

15 i Have I not at other times also, when he had great affairs, consulted with the Lord for him?

17 <sup>j</sup>Footmen.

<sup>k</sup>wolde not move their hands to fall upon the Priests of the Lord.

18 Then the King said to Doég, Turne thou and fall upon the Priests. And Doég the Edomite turned, and ran upon the Priests, & slewe that same day foure score & five persones that did weare a linen Ephód.

19 Also Nob the citie of the Priests smote he with the edge of the sworde, bothe man & woman, bothe childe & suckling, bothe ox and asse, and shepe with the edge of the sworde.

20 But one of the sonnes of Ahimélech the sonne of Ahitúb (whose name was Abiathár) <sup>l</sup>escaped and fled after David.

21 And Abiathár shewed David, that Saúl had slaine the Lords Priests.

22 And David said unto Abiathár, I knewe it the same day, when Doég the Edomite was there, that he wolde tel Saúl. I am the cause of the death of all the persones of thy fathers house.

23 Abide thou with me, and feare not: for <sup>^</sup>he that seketh my life, shal seke thy life also: for with me thou shalt be in savegarde.

### CHAP. 23

*5 David chaseth the Philistíms from Keiláh. 13 David departeth from Keiláh, and remaineth in the wilderness of Ziph. 16 Jonathán comforteth David. 28 Saúls enterprise is broken in pursuing David.*

**T**hen they tolde David, saying, Beholde, the Philistíms fight against <sup>a</sup>Keiláh, and spoyle the barnes. 2 Therefore David asked counsel of the Lord, saying, Shal I go and smite these Philistíms? And the Lord answered David, Go and smite the Philistíms, and save Keiláh.

3 And Davids men said unto him, Se, we be afraied here in <sup>b</sup>Judah, how muche more if we come to Keiláh against the hoste of the Philistíms?

4 Then David asked counsel of the Lord againe. And the Lord answered him, and said, Arise, go downe to Keiláh: for I wil deliver the Philistíms into thine hand.

5 ¶ So David and his men went to Keiláh, and foght with the Philistíms, & broght away theyr cattel, and smote them with a great slaughter: thus David saved the inhabitants of Keiláh.

6 (And when Abiathár the sonne of Ahimélech <sup>\*</sup>fled to David to Keiláh, he broght an <sup>e</sup>Ephód <sup>^</sup>with him)

7 ¶ And it was tolde Saúl that David was come to Keiláh, and Saúl said, God hathe delivered him into mine hand: for he is shut in, seing he is come into a citie that hathe gates and barres.

8 Then Saúl called all the people together to warre, for to go downe to Keiláh, and to besiege David and his men.

9 ¶ And David having knowledge that Saúl imagined mischief against him, said to Abiathár the Priest, <sup>d</sup>Bring the Ephód.

10 Then said David, O Lord God of Israél, thy servant hathe heard, that Saúl is about to come to Keiláh to destroy the citie for my sake.

17 <sup>k</sup> For they knew that they ought not to obey the wicked commandment of the King in slaying the innocents.

20 <sup>l</sup> This was God's providence, who according to his promise preserved some of the house of Eli, chap. 2.33.

23 <sup>^</sup>Or, he that takes your life, shall take mine also.

#### Chapter 23

1 <sup>a</sup> Which was a city in the tribe of Judah, Josh. 15.44.

3 <sup>b</sup> That is, in the midst of Judah, much more when we come to the borders against our enemies.

6 <sup>\*</sup>Ch. 22.20.

6 <sup>c</sup> By God's providence the Ephod was preserved and kept with David the true King.

6 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., in his hand.

9 <sup>d</sup> To consult with the Lord by Urim and Thummim.

11 Wil the lords of Keiláh deliver me up into his hand? and wil Saúl come downe, as thy servant hathe heard? O Lord God of Israél, I beseche thee, tel thy servant. And the Lord said, He wil come downe.

12 Then said David, Wil the <sup>^</sup>lords of Keiláh deliver me up and the men that are with me, into the hand of Saúl? And the Lord said, They wil deliver thee up.

13 ¶ Then David & his men, which were about six hundreth, arose, and departed out of Keiláh, and went <sup>^</sup>whither they colde. And it was tolde Saúl, that David was fled from Keiláh, and he left of his journey.

14 And David abode in the wilderness in <sup>^</sup>holdes, & remained in a mountaine in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saúl soght him everie day, but God <sup>e</sup>delivered him not into his hand.

15 And David sawe that Saúl was come out for to seke his life and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in the wood.

16 ¶ And Jonathán Sauls sonne arose and went to David into the wood, and comforted <sup>^</sup>him in God,

17 And said unto him, Feare not: for the hand of Saúl my father shal not finde thee, and thou shalt be <sup>^</sup>King over Israél, & I shal be next unto thee, & also Saúl my father knoweth it.

18 So they twaine made a covenant before the Lord, and David did remaine in the wood: but Jonathán went to his house.

19 ¶ Then came up the Ziphíms to Saúl to Gibeáh, saying, Doeth not David hide him selfe by us in holdes, in the wood in the hil of Hachiláh, which is on the right side <sup>^</sup>of Jeshimon?

20 Now therefore <sup>o</sup> King, come downe according to all that thine heart can desire, and our parte *shalbe* to deliver him into the Kings hands.

21 Then Saúl said, <sup>9</sup>Be ye blessed of the Lord: for ye have had compassion on me.

22 Go, I pray you, and prepare yet better: knowe and se his place where he <sup>^</sup>hanteth, and who hathe sene him there: for it is said to me, He is subtil, and crafty.

23 Se therefore, and knowe all the secret places where he hideth him selfe, & come ye againe to me with the certentie, and I wil go with you: and if he be in the <sup>h</sup>land. I wil searche him out throughout all the thousands of Judáh.

24 Then they arose and went to Ziph before Saúl, but David and his men *were* in the wilderness of Maón, in the plaine on the right hand of Jeshimón.

25 Saúl also and his men went to seke him, and they tolde David: wherefore he came downe unto a rocke, and abode in the wilderness of <sup>i</sup>Maón. And when Saúl heard that, he followed after David in the wilderness of Maón.

26 And Saúl and his men went on the one side of the mountaine, and David and his men on the other side of the mountaine: and David made haste to get from the presence of Saúl: for Saúl and his men compassed David and his men round about, to take them.

27 But there came a <sup>k</sup>messenger to Saúl, saying, Haste thee, and come: for the Philistíms have invaded the land.

12 <sup>^</sup>Or, governors.

13 <sup>^</sup>Or, to and fro, as having no certain place to go to.

14 <sup>^</sup>Or, strong places.

14 <sup>e</sup> No power nor policy can prevail against God's children, but when he appoints the time.

16 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., his hand.

17 <sup>f</sup> Jonathan assured David, that God wil accomplish his promise and that his father strove against his own conscience.

19 <sup>^</sup>Or, of the wilderness.

21 <sup>g</sup> The Lord recompense this friendship.

22 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., where his foot has been.

23 <sup>h</sup> In your country of Ziph, which is in Judah.

25 <sup>i</sup> Which was also in the tribe of Judah, Josh. 15.55.

27 <sup>k</sup> Thus the Lord can pull back the bridel of the tyrants, and deliver his out of the lion's mouth.

28 Wherefore Saúl returned from pursuing David, and went against the Philistims. Therefore they called that place, 'Sela-hammáhlekoth.

### CHAP. 24

1 David hid in a cave spareth Saúl 10 He sheweth to Saúl his innocencie 18 Saúl acknowledgeth his faute 22 He causeth David to sweare unto him to be favorable to his.

**A**ND David went thence, & dwelt in <sup>a</sup>holdes at En-gédi. 2 When Saúl was returned from the Philistims, they tolde him, saying, Beholde, David *is* in the wildernes of <sup>b</sup>En-gédi.

3 Then Saúl toke thre thousand chosen men out of all Israél, and went to seke David and his men upon the rockes *among* the wilde goates.

4 And he came to the shepecoates by the way where there was a cave and Saúl went in <sup>^</sup>to do his easement: and David and his men sate in the <sup>^</sup>inward partes of the cave.

5 And the men of David said unto him, Se, the day is <sup>c</sup>come, whereof the Lord said unto thee, Beholde, I wil deliver thine enemy into thine hand, and thou shalt do to him as it shal seme good to thee. Then David arose and cut of the lappe of Saúls garment prively.

6 And afterward David <sup>d</sup>was touched in his heart, because he had cut of the lappe which was on Saúls garment.

7 And he said unto his men, The Lord kepe me from doing that thing unto my master the Lords Anointed, to lay mine hand upon him: for he is the Anointed of the Lord.

8 So David overcame his servants with these wordes, and suffred them not to arise against Saúl: so Saúl rose up out of the cave and went away.

9 ¶ David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cryed after Saúl, saying, O my Lord the King And when Saúl loked behinde him, David inclined his face to the earth, and bowed him selfe.

10 And David said to Saúl, <sup>e</sup>Wherefore givest thou an eare to mens wordes, that say, Beholde, David seketh evil against thee?

11 Beholde, this day thine eyes have sene, that the Lord had delivered thee this day into mine hand in the cave, and some bade me kil thee, but I had compasion on thee, and said, I wil not lay mine hand on my master: for he is the Lords Anointed.

12 Moreover my father, beholde: beholde, I say, the lappe of thy garment in mine hand: for when I cut of the lappe of thy garment, I killed thee not. Understand and se, that there is nether evil nor wickednes in me, nether have I sinned against thee, yet thou huntest after my soule to take it.

13 The Lord be judge betwene thee and me, and the Lord avenge me of thee, and let not mine hand be upon thee.

14 According as the <sup>^</sup>olde proverbe saith, Wickednes procedeth from the wicked, but mine hand be not upon thee.

15 After whome is the King of Israél come out? after whom doest thou pursue? after a dead dog, *and* after a flye?

28 I That is, the stone of division, because there they divided themselves one from another.

### Chapter 24

1 a That is, in strong places, which were defended by nature.

2 b A city of Judah, Josh. 15.62.

4 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., to cover his feet.

4 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., in the sides.

5 c Here we see how ready we are to hasten God's promise, if the occasion serve never so little.

6 d For seeing it was his own private cause, he repented that he had touched his enemy.

10 e Contrary to the false report of them that said, David was Saul's enemy, he proved himself to be his friend.

14 <sup>^</sup>Or, the proverb of an ancient man.

16 The Lord therefore be judge, and judge betwene thee and me, and se, and pleade my cause, and <sup>^</sup>deliver me out of thine hand.

17 When David had made an end of speaking these wordes to Saúl, Saúl said, <sup>f</sup>Is this thy voyce, my sonne David? and Saúl lift up his voyce, and wept,

18 And said to David, Thou art more righteous then I: for thou hast rendred me good, and I have rendred thee evil.

19 And thou hast shewed this day, that thou hast dealt wel with me: forasmuche as when the Lord had closed me in thine hands, thou killedst me not.

20 For who shal finde his enemy, and let him departe <sup>^</sup>fre? wherefore the Lord rendre thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day.

21 For now beholde, I <sup>g</sup>know that thou shalt be King, and that the kingdome of Israél shalbe stablished in thine hand.

22 Sweare now therefore unto me by the Lord, that thou wilt not destroy my seede after me, and that thou wilt not abolish my name out of my fathers house.

23 So David sware unto Saúl, and Saúl went home: but David and his men went up unto the holde.

### CHAP. 25

1 Samuél dyeth. 3 Nabál and Abigáil 38 The Lord killeth Nabál 42 Abigáil and Ahinóam Davids wives. 44 Michal is given to Phaltí.

**T**HEN <sup>\*</sup>Samuél dyed, & all Israél assembled, & mourned for him, and buried him in his <sup>a</sup>owne house at Ramáh. And David arose and went downe to the wildernes of Parán.

2 Now in <sup>b</sup>Maón was a man, who had his possession in Carmél, and the man was exceding mighty and had thre thousand shepe, and a thousand goates: and he was shering his shepe in Carmél.

3 The name also of the man was Nabál, and the name of his wife Abigáil, and she was a woman of singular wisdome, and beautiful, but the man was churlish, and evil conditioned, and was of the familie of Caléb.

4 And David heard in the wildernes, that Nabál did shere his shepe.

5 Therefore David sent ten yong men, and David said unto the yong men, Go up to Carmél, and go to Nabál, and aske him in my name <sup>^</sup>how he doeth.

6 And thus shal ye say <sup>c</sup>for salutation, Both thou, and thine house, & all that thou hast, be in peace, welth, & prosperitie.

7 Beholde, I have heard, that thou hast sherers: now thy shepherds were with us, and we did them no hurt, nether did they misse anie thing all the while they were in Carmél.

8 Aske thy servants and they wil shewe thee. Wherefore let these yong men finde favour in thine eyes: (for we come in a good season) give, I praye thee, whatsoever <sup>d</sup>commeth to thine hand unto they servants, and to thy sonne David.

16 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., judge.

17 f Though he was a most cruel enemy to David, yet by his great gentleness his conscience compelled him to yield.

20 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., a good way.

21 g Though this tyrant saw and confessed the favor of God toward David, yet he ceased not to persecute him against his own conscience.

### Chapter 25

1 <sup>\*</sup>Chap. 28.3, Eccles 46.13.

1 a That is, among his own kindred.

2 b Maon and Carmel were cities in the tribe of Judah, Carmel the mountain was in Galilee.

5 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., of peace.

6 c Some read, so may you live in prosperity the next year, both you, & c.

6 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., for life.

8 d Whatsoever you have ready for us.

9 ¶ And when Davids yong men came, they tolde Nabál all those wordes in the name of David, and helde their peace.

10 Then Nabál answered Davids servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the <sup>e</sup>sonne of Jshái? there is manie servants now a dayes, that brake away every man from his master.

11 Shal I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my sherers, & give it unto men, whome I knowe not whence thei be?

12 ¶ So Davids servants turned their way, and went againe, and came, and tolde him all those things.

13 And David said unto his men, Girde every man his sworde *about him*. And they girded every man his sworde: David also girded his sworde. And about foure hundreth men went up after David, & two hundreth abode by the <sup>^</sup>carriage.

14 Now one of the servants tolde Abigáil Nabals wife, saying, Beholde, David sent messengers out of the wildernes to salute our master, and he <sup>^</sup>rayled on them.

15 Notwithstanding the men were very good <sup>^</sup>unto us, & we had no displeasure, nether missed we any thing as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields.

16 Thei were as a wall unto us bothe by night and by day, all the while we were with them keeping shepe.

17 Now therefore take hede, and se what thou shalt do: for evil <sup>^</sup>wil surely come upon our master, & upon all his familie: for he is so wicked that a man can not speake to him.

18 ¶ Then Abigáil made haste, & toke two hundreth <sup>^</sup>cakes, and two bottles of wine, and five shepe ready dressed, and five measures of parched corne, and an hundreth <sup>^</sup>frailes of raisins, & two hundreth of figges, and laded them on asses.

19 Then she said unto her servants, Go ye before me: beholde, I wil come after you: yet she tolde <sup>9</sup>not her husband Nabál.

20 And as she rode on her asse, she came downe by a secret place of the mountaine, and beholde, David and his men came downe against her, and she met them.

21 And David said, In dede I have kept all in vaine that this fellowe had in the wildernes, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: for he hathe requited me evil for good.

22 So and more also do God unto the enemies of David: *for* surely I wil not leave of all that he hathe, by the dawning of the day, *any* that <sup>h</sup>pisseth against the wall.

23 And when Abigáil sawe David, she hastened and lighted of her asse, & fel before David on her face, and bowed herselfe to the ground,

24 And fel at his fete, & said, Oh, my lord, I *have committed* the iniquitie, and I pray thee, let thine handmaid speake <sup>^</sup>to thee, and heare thou the wordes of thine handmayd.

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regarde this wicked man Nabál: for as his name is, so is he: <sup>^</sup>Nabál *is* his name, and foly *is* with him: but I thine handmayd sawe not the yong men of my lord whome thou sentest.

26 Now therefore my lord, as the Lord liveth, & as thy soule liveth (the Lord, *I* say, that hathe withholden thee from com-

10 e Thus the covetous wretches, instead of relieving the necessity of God's children, use to revile their persons & condemn their cause.

13 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., vessel.

14 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., drove them away.

15 f When we kept our sheep in the wilderness of Paran.

17 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., is accomplished.

18 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., bread.

18 <sup>^</sup>Or, clusters.

19 g Because she knew his crooked nature, that he would rather have perished, then consented to her enterprise.

22 h Meaning by this proverb, that he would destroy both small and great.

24 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., in your cause.

25 <sup>^</sup>Or, fool.

ming to *shed* blood, & that <sup>i</sup>thine hand shulde *not* save thee) so now thine enemies shalbe as Nabál, and thei that intende to do my lord evil.

27 And now, this <sup>^</sup>blessing which thine handmayd hathe broght unto my lord, let it be given unto the yong men, that <sup>^</sup>followe my lord.

28 I pray thee, forgive the trespasse of thine handmayd: for the Lord wil make my lord a <sup>k</sup>sure house, because my lord fighteth the battels of the lord and none evil hathe bene founde in thee <sup>^</sup>in all thy life.

29 Yet <sup>^</sup>a man hathe risen up to persecute thee, and to seke thy soule, but the soule of my lord shalbe bounde in the <sup>m</sup>bundel of life with the Lord thy God: and the soule of thine enemies shal *God* cast out, as out of the middle of a sling.

30 And when the Lord shal have done to my lord all the good that he hathe promised thee, and shal have made thee ruler over Israél,

31 Then shal it be no grief unto thee, nor offence of mind unto my lord, that he hathe not shed blood causeles, nor that my lord hathe <sup>n</sup>not preserved him selfe: and when the Lord shal have dealt wel with my lord, remember thine handmayd.

32 Then David said to Abigáil, Blessed be the Lord God of Israél, which sent thee this day to mete me.

33 And blessed be thy counsel, and blessed be thou, which haste kept me this day from comming to *shed* blood, <sup>o</sup>and that mine hand hathe *not* saved me.

34 For in dede, as the Lord God of Israél liveth, <sup>p</sup>who hathe kept me backe from hurting thee, except thou haddest hastened & met me, surely there had not bene left unto Nabál by the dawning of the day, *any* that pisseth against the wall.

35 Then David received of her hand that which she had broght him, & said to her, Go up in peace to thine house: beholde, I have heard thy voyce, & have <sup>^</sup>granted thy petition.

36 ¶ So Abigáil came to Nabál, & beholde, he made a feast in his house, like the feast of a King, & Nabals heart was mery within him, for he was very dronken: wherefore she tolde him <sup>9</sup>nothing, nether lesse nor more, until the morning arose.

37 Then in the morning when the wine was gone out of Nabál, his wife tolde him those wordes, and his heart dyed within him, and he was like <sup>^</sup>a stone.

38 And about ten daies after, the Lord smote Nabál, that he dyed.

39 ¶ Now when David heard, that Nabál was dead, he said, Blessed be the Lord that hathe <sup>^</sup>judged the cause of my rebuke of the hand of Nabál, and hathe kept his servant from evil: for the Lord hathe recompensed the wickednes of Nabál upon his owne head. Also David sent to commune with Abigáil to <sup>s</sup>take her to his wife.

26 i That is, that you should not be revenged of your enemy.

27 <sup>^</sup>Or, present.

27 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., walk in the feet.

28 k Confirm his kingdom to his posterity.

28 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., from your days.

29 l To wit. Saul.

29 m God shall preserve you long in his service and destroy your enemies.

31 n That he has not avenged himself, which things would have tormented his conscience.

33 o Read verse 26.

34 p He attributes it to the Lord's mercy, and not to himself that he was stayed.

35 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., received your face.

36 q For he had no reason to consider, or give thanks for this great benefit of deliverance.

37 r For fear of the great danger.

39 <sup>^</sup>Or, revenged.

39 s For he had experience of her great godliness, wisdom and humility.

40 And when the servants of David were come to Abigáil to Carmél, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us to thee, to take thee to his wife.

41 And she arose, and bowed her self on her face to the earth, and said, Beholde, let thy handmayd be a servant to wash the fete of the servants of my lord.

42 And Abigáil hasted, and arose, and rode upon an asse, and her five maids <sup>^</sup>followed her, and she went after the messengers of David, and was his wife.

43 David also toke Ahinóam of \*Jzreél, and thei were bothe his wives.

44 Now Saúl had given \*Michál his daughter Davids wife to Phaltí the sonne of Láish, which was of <sup>^</sup>Gallím.

### CHAP. 26

*1 David was discovered unto Saúl by the Ziphíms. 12 David taketh away Sauls speare, and a pot of water that stode at his head. 21 Saúl confesseth his sinne.*

**A**Gain the Ziphíms came unto Saúl to Gibeáh, saying, <sup>^</sup>Doeth not David hide him selfe <sup>^</sup>in the hil of Hachiláh before <sup>^</sup>Jeshimón?

2 Then Saúl arose, and went downe to the wildernes of Ziph, having thre thousand <sup>^</sup>chosen men of Israél with him, for to seke David in the wildernes of Ziph.

3 And Saúl pitched in the hil of Hachiláh, which is before Jeshimón by the waye side. Now David abode in the wildernes, & he sawe that Saúl came after him into the wildernes.

4 (For David had sent out spies, and understode, that Saúl was come <sup>^</sup>in very dede)

5 Then David arose, and came to the place where Saúl had pitched, & *when* David beheld the place where Saúl lay, and \*Abnér the sonne of Ner which was his chief captaine, (for Saúl lay in the forte, & the people pitched round about him)

6 Then spake David, and said to Ahimélech the <sup>^</sup>Hittie, and to Abishái the sonne of Zeruiáh, brother to <sup>^</sup>Joáb, saying, Who wil go downe with me to Saúl to the hoste? Then Abishái said, I wil go downe with thee.

7 So David and Abishái came downe to the people by night: & beholde, Saúl laye sleping within the forte, & his speare did sticke in the ground at his <sup>^</sup>head: and Abnér and the people lay round about him.

8 ¶ Then said Abishái to David, God hathe closed thine enemie into thine hand this day: now therefore, I pray thee, let me smite him once with a speare to the earth, and I wil not smite him <sup>^</sup>again.

9 And David said to Abishái, Destroye him not: for who can lay his hand <sup>^</sup>on the Lords anointed, and be giltles?

10 Moreover David said, As the Lord liveth, ether the Lord shal smite him, or his day shal come to dye, or he shal descende into battel, and perish.

11 The Lord kepe me from laying mine hand upon the Lords

42 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., went at her feet.

43 \*Josh. 15.56.

44 \*2 Sam. 3.15.

44 t Which was a place bordering on the country of the Moabites.

### Chapter 26

1 \*Chap. 23.19.

1 <sup>^</sup>Or, in Gibeah.

1 <sup>^</sup>Or, the wilderness.

2 a That is, of the most skillful and valiant soldiers.

4 <sup>^</sup>Or, to a certain place.

5 \*Ch. 14.50 and 17.55.

6 b Who was a stranger and not an Israelite.

6 c Who afterward was David's chief captain.

7 <sup>^</sup>Or, bolster.

8 d Meaning, he would make him sure at one stroke.

9 e To wit, is his own private cause: for Jehu slew two Kings at God's appointment, 2 Kings 9.24-27.

anointed: but, I pray thee, take now the speare that is at his head, and the pot of water, and let us go hence.

12 So David toke the speare and the pot of water from Saúls head, and thei gate them away, and no man sawe it, nor marked it, nether did any awake, but thei were all aslepe: for <sup>^</sup>the Lord had sent a dead slepe upon them.

13 Then David went into the other side, & stode on the toppe of an hil a far of, a great space being betwene them.

14 And David cryed to the people, and to Abnér the sonne of Ner, saying, <sup>^</sup>Hearest thou not Abnér? Then Abnér answered, and said, Who art thou that cryest to the King?

15 ¶ And David said to Abnér, Art not thou a <sup>^</sup>man? and who is like thee in Israél? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the King? for there came one of the folke in to destroye the King thy lord.

16 This is not wel done of thee: as the Lord liveth, ye are <sup>^</sup>worthy to dye, because ye have not kept your master the Lords Anointed: and now se where the Kings speare is, and the pot of water that was at his head.

17 And Saúl knewe Davids voyce, and said, Is this thy voyce, <sup>^</sup>my sonne David? And David said, It is my voyce, my lord ô King.

18 And he said, Wherefore doeth my lord thus persecute his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in mine hand?

19 Now therefore, I beseche thee, let my lord the King heare the wordes of his servant, If the Lord have stirred thee up against me, <sup>^</sup>let him smel the savor of a sacrifice: but if the children of men *have done it*, cursed be thei before the Lord: for thei have cast me out this day from abiding in the inheritance of the Lord, saying, Go, serve other <sup>^</sup>gods.

20 Now therefore let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the Lord: for the King of Israél is come out to seke a flye, as one wolde hunt a partriche in the mountaines.

21 Then said Saúl, I have sinned: come againe, my sonne David: for I wil do thee nomore harme, because my soule was <sup>^</sup>precious in thine eyes this day: beholde, I have done foolishly, and have erred exceedingly.

22 Then David answered, & said, Beholde the Kings speare, let one of the yong men come over and fet it.

23 And let the Lord rewarde everie man according to his <sup>^</sup>righteousnes & faithfulness: for the Lord had delivered thee into *mine* hands this daie, but I wolde not lay mine hand upon the Lords anointed.

24 And beholde, like as thy life was muche set by this day in mine eyes: so let my life be set by in the eyes of the Lord, that he may deliver me out of all tribulacion.

25 Then Saúl said to David, Blessed art thou, my sonne David: for thou shalt do great things, and also prevaile. So David went his way, and Saúl returned to his <sup>^</sup>place.

### CHAP. 27

*2 David fleeth to Achísh King of Gath, who giveth him Ziklág. 8 David destroyeth certeine of the Philistims. 10 Achísh is*

12 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., the heavy sleep of the Lord was fallen upon them.

14 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., answerest.

15 f Esteemed most valiant, and mete to save the King?

16 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., sons of death.

17 g Hereby it appears, that the hypocrite persecuted David against his own conscience, and contrary to his promise.

19 h Let his anger toward us be pacified by a sacrifice.

19 i As much as lay in them, they compelled him to idolatry, because they forced him to flee to the idolaters.

21 k Because you saved my life this day.

23 l Thus he protested his innocency toward Saul not defending his justice in the sight of God, in whose presence none is righteous, Ps. 14.3 and 130.3.

25 m To Gibeah of Benjamin.

*deceyved by David.*

**A**nd David said in his heart, I shal now <sup>a</sup>perish one day by the hand of Saúl: is it not better for me that I save my selfe in the land of the Philistíms, and that Saúl may have no hope of me to seke me anie more in all the coastes of Israél, and so escape out of his hand?

2 David therefore arose, and he, and the six hundreth men that were with him, went unto Achísh the sonne of Maóch King of Gáth.

3 And David <sup>b</sup>dwelt with Achísh at Gath, he, and his men, everie man with his housholde, David with his two wives, Ahinóam the Jzreelite, & Abigáil Nabals wife the Carmelite.

4 And it was tolde Saúl that David was fled to Gath: so he soght nomore for him.

5 And David said unto Achísh, If I have now founde grace in thine eyes, <sup>c</sup>let them give me a place in some *other* citie of the countrey, that I may dwel there: for why shulde thy servant dwel in the *head* citie of the kingdome with thee?

6 Then Achísh gave him Ziklág that same day: therefore Ziklág pertaineth unto the Kings of Judáh unto this day.

7 ¶ And <sup>^</sup>the time that David dwelt in the countrey of the Philistíms, was foure moneths and certeine dayes.

8 Then David & his men went up, & invaded the <sup>d</sup>Geshurites, and the Girzites & the Amalekites: for they inhabited the land from the beginning, *from the way*, as thou goeth to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt.

9 And David smote the land, and left nether man nor woman alive, and toke shepe, and oxen, and asses, and camels, and apparel, and returned and came to Achísh.

10 And Achísh said, <sup>^</sup>Where have ye benne a roving this day? And David answered, Against the Southe of Judáh, and against the Southe of the <sup>e</sup>Jerameelites, and against the Southe of the Kenites.

11 And David saved nether man nor woman alive, to bring them to Gath, saying, Lest they shulde tel on us, and say, So did David, and so *wilbe* his maner all the while that he dwelleth in the countrey of the Philistíms.

12 And Achísh beleved David, saying, <sup>^</sup>He hathe made his people of Israél utterly to abhorre him: therefore he shalbe my servant for ever.

## CHAP. 28

*2 David hathe the chief charge promised about Achísh. 8 Saúl consulteth with a witche, and she causeth him to speake with Samuél, 18 Who declareth his ruine.*

**N**ow at that time the Philistíms assembled their bandes and armie to fight with Israél: therefore Achísh said to David, <sup>a</sup>Besure, thou shalt go out with me to the battel, thou, and thy men.

2 And David said to Achísh, Surely thou shalt knowe what thy servant can do. And Achísh said to David, Surely I wil make thee keper of mine head for ever.

1 a David distrusts God's protection, and therefore flees unto the idolaters, who were enemies to God's people.

3 b Thus God by his providence changes the enemy's hearts and makes them to favor his, in their necessity.

5 c Let your officers appoint me a place.

7 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., the number of the days.

8 d These were the wicked Canaanites, whom God had appointed to be destroyed.

10 <sup>^</sup>Or, against whom.

10 e Which were a family of the tribe of Judah, 1 Chron. 2.9.

12 <sup>^</sup>Or, he does surely abhor his people.

### Chapter 28

1 a Albeit it was a great grief to David to fight against the people of God, yet such was his infirmity, he dare not deny him.

3 <sup>\*</sup>(Samuél was then dead, & all Israél had lamented him, and buried him in Ramáh his owne citie: and Saúl had <sup>b</sup>put away the sorcerers, and the sothesayers out of the land)

4 Then the Philistíms assembled them selves, & came, and pitched in Shuném: and Saúl assembled all Israél, and they pitched in Gilbóa.

5 And when Saúl sawe the hoste of the Philistíms, he was afrayed, and his heart was sore astonied.

6 Therefore Saúl asked counsel of the Lord, and the Lord answered him not, nether by dreames, nor by <sup>c</sup>Urim, nor yet by Prophetes.

7 ¶ Then said Saúl unto his servants, Seke me a woman that hathe a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and aske of her. And his servants said to him, Beholde, there is a woman at En-dor that hathe a familiar spirit.

8 Then Saúl <sup>d</sup>changed him selfe, & put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, conjecture unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up whome I shal name unto thee.

9 And the woman said unto him, Beholde, thou knowest what Saúl hathe done, how he hathe destroyed the sorcerers, and the sothesayers out of the land: wherefore then sekest thou to take me in a snare to cause me to dye?

10 And Saúl sware to her by the Lord, saying, As the Lord liveth, no <sup>^</sup>harme shal come to thee for this thing.

11 Then said the woman, Whome shal I bring up unto thee? And he answered, Bring me up <sup>e</sup>Samuél.

12 And when the woman sawe Samuél, she cryed with a loude voyce, and the woman spake to Saúl, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saúl.

13 And the King said unto her, Be not afrayed: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saúl, I sawe <sup>^</sup>gods ascending up out of the earth.

14 Then he said unto her, What facion is he of? And she answered, An olde man cometh up lapped in a mantel: and Saúl knewe that it was <sup>f</sup>Samuél, and he enclined his face to the ground, and bowed him selfe.

15 ¶ And Samuél said to Saúl, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? Then Saúl answered, I am in great distresse: for the Philistíms make warre against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me nomore, nether <sup>^</sup>by Prophets nether by dreames: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest tel me, what I shal do.

16 Then said Samuél, Wherefore then doest thou aske of me, seing the Lord is gone from thee, and is thine enemie?

17 Even the Lord hathe done to <sup>g</sup>him, as he spake <sup>\*</sup>by mine <sup>^</sup>hand: for the Lord wil rent the kingdome out of thine hand, and give it thy neighbour David.

18 Because thou obeiedst not the voyce of the Lord, nor executedst his feare wrath upon the Amalekites, therefore

3 <sup>\*</sup>Ch. 25.1.

3 b According to the commandment of God, Exod. 22.18, and Deut. 18.10.

6 c Meaning the high Priest, Exod. 28.30.

8 d He seeks not to God in his misery, but is led by Satan to unlawful means, which in his conscience he condemns.

10 <sup>^</sup>Or, punishment.

11 e He speaks according to his gross ignorance, not considering the state of the Saints after this life, and how Satan has no power over them.

13 <sup>^</sup>Or, an excellent person.

14 f To his imagination, albeit it was Satan, who to blind his eyes took upon him the form of Samuel as he can do of an Angel of light.

15 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., by the hand of Prophets.

17 g That is, to David.

17 <sup>\*</sup>Chap. 15.28.

17 <sup>^</sup>Or, ministry.



hathe the Lord done this unto thee this day.

19 Moreover the Lord wil deliver Israél with thee into the hands of the Philistíms: <sup>h</sup>and tomorrow shalt thou and thy sonnes be with me, and the Lord shal give the hoste of Israél into the hands of the Philistíms.

20 Then Saúl fel streyghtway all along on the earth, and was sore <sup>i</sup>afrayed because of the wordes of Samuél, so that there was no strength in him: for he had eaten no bread all the day nor all the night.

21 Then the woman came unto Saúl, and sawe that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Se, thine handmayd hathe obeyed thy voyce, and I <sup>k</sup>have put my soule in mine hand, and have obeyed thy wordes which thou saidest unto me.

22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voyce of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee, that thou mayest eat and get thee strength, and go on thy journey.

23 But he refused, and said, I wil not eat: but his servants and the woman together compelled him, and he obeyed their voyce. so he arose from the earth, and sate on the bed.

24 Now the woman had a fat calfe in the house, and she hasted, and killed it, and toke floure and kneaded it, and baked of it <sup>l</sup>unleavened bread.

25 Then she broght them before Saúl, & before his servants: and when they had eaten, they stode up, and went away the same night.

#### CHAP. 29

*4 The princes of the Philistíms cause David to be sent backe from the battel against Israél, because they distrusted him.*

**S**O the Philistíms were gathered together with all their Armies in Aphék: and the Israélites pitched <sup>^</sup>by the founteine, which is in Jzreél.

2 And the <sup>^</sup>princes of the Philistíms went forthe by <sup>a</sup>hundreths and thousands, but David and his men came behinde with Achísh.

3 Then said the princes of the Philistíms, What *do* these Ebrewes *here*? And Achísh said unto the princes of the Philistíms, Is not this David the servant of Saúl the King of Israél, who hathe bene with me these dayes, <sup>b</sup>or these yeres, and I have founde nothing in him, since he <sup>^</sup>dwelt with me unto this day?

4 But the princes of the Philistíms were wrothe with him, and the princes of the Philistíms said unto him, \*Send this fellowe backe, that he may go againe to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go downe with us to battel, lest that in the battel he be an adversarie to us: for wherewith shulde he obteine the favour of his master? shulde it not be with the <sup>c</sup>heads of these men?

5 Is not this David, of whom they sang in dances, saying, \*Saul slewe his thousand, and David his ten thousand?

6 ¶ Then Achísh called David, and said unto him, As the Lord liveth, thou hast bene upright and good in my sight,

19 h You shall be dead, Chap. 31.6.

20 i The wicked, when they hear God's judgements, tremble and despair, but cannot seek for mercy by repentance.

21 k I have ventured my life.

24 l Because it required hast.

#### Chapter 29

1 <sup>^</sup>Or, in Aie.

2 <sup>^</sup>Or, captains.

2 a According to their bands, or ensigns.

3 b Meaning, a long time, that is four months and certain days, Chap. 27.7.

3 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., fell, as Gen. 25.18.

4 \*1 Chron. 12.19.

4 c Would not Saul receive him to favor, if he could betray us?

5 \*Chap. 18.7 and 21.11.

when thou <sup>d</sup>wentest out and in with me in the hoste, nether have I founde evil with thee, since thou camest to me unto this daye, but <sup>^</sup>the princes do not favour thee.

7 Wherefore now returne, and go in peace, that thou displease not the princes of the Philistíms.

8 ¶ And David said unto Achísh, But what have I done? and what hast thou founde in thy servant as long as I have bene with thee unto this day, that I may <sup>e</sup>not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the King?

9 Achísh then answered, and said to David, I knowe thou pleasest me, as an Angel of God: but the princes of the Philistíms have said, Let him not go up with us to battel.

10 Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy <sup>f</sup>masters servants that are come with thee: and when ye be up early, assone as ye have light, depart.

11 So David and his men rose up early to departe in the morning, & to returne into the land of the Philistíms: and the Philistíms went up to Jzreél.

#### CHAP. 30

*1 The Amalekites burne Ziklág. 5 Davids two wives are taken prisoners 6 The people wolde stone him. 8 He asketh counsel of the Lord and pursuing his enemies, recovereth the praye. 24 He devideth it equally, 26 And sendeth parte to his friends.*

**U**T when David and his men were come to Ziklág <sup>a</sup>the third day, the Amalekites had invaded upon the South, even unto Ziklág, & had <sup>b</sup>smitten Ziklág, and burnt it with fire, 2 And had taken the women that were therein prisoners, bothe small and great, *and* slewe not a man, but caryed them away, and went their wayes.

3 ¶ So David and his men came to the citie, and beholde, it was burnt with fire, and their <sup>c</sup>wives, and their sonnes, and their daughters were taken prisoners.

4 Then David and the people that was with him, lift up their voyces and wept, until they colde wepe nomore.

5 Davids two wives were taken prisoners also, Ahinóam the Jzréelite and Abigáil the wife of Nabál the Carmelite.

6 And David was in great sorowe: for the people <sup>d</sup>entended to stone him, because the heartes of all the people were vexed everie man for his sonnes and for his daughters: but David comforted him selfe in the Lord his God.

7 ¶ And David said to Abiathár the Priest Ahimelechs sonne, I pray thee, bring me the Ephód. And Abiathár broght the Ephód to David.

8 Then David asked counsel at the Lord, saying, Shal I followe after this companie? shal I overtake them? And he answered him, Followe: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and <sup>e</sup>recover all.

9 ¶ So David and the six hundreth men that were with him, went, and came to the river Besór, where a parte of them abode:

6 d That is, was conversant with me.

6 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., you are not good in the eyes of the princes.

8 e This dissimulation cannot be excused: for it grieved him to go against the people of God.

10 f With them that fled to you from Saul.

#### Chapter 30

1 a After that he departed from Achish.

1 b That is, destroyed the city.

3 c For these only remained in the city, when the men were gone to war.

6 d Thus we see, that in troubles and adversity we do not consider God's providence, but like raging beasts forget both our own duty and contemn God's appointment over us.

8 e Though God seems to leave us for a time, yet if we trust in him, we shall be sure to find comfort.

10 But David and foure hundreth men followed (for two hundreth abode behinde, being to wearye to go over the river Besór)

11 And they founde an Egyptian in the field, and broght him to David, and gave him <sup>b</sup>bread and he did eat, and they gave him water to drink.

12 Also they gave him a few figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came againe to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor dronke anie water in thre dayes, and thre nights.

13 ¶ And David said unto him, To whome belongest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a yong man of Egypt, and servant to an Amalekite: and my master left me thre daies ago, because I fel sicke.

14 We roved upon the South of Chéreth, and upon the coast belonging to Judáh, and upon the South of Caléb, and we burnt Ziklág with fire.

15 And David said unto him, Canst thou bring me to this companie? And he said, <sup>9</sup>Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt nether kil me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I wil bring thee to this companie.

16 ¶ And when he had broght him thither, beholde, they lay scatered abroad upon all the earth, <sup>h</sup>heating & drinking, and dancing, because of all the great pray that thei had taken out of the land of the Philistims, and out of the land of Judáh.

17 And David smote them from the twilight, even unto the evening <sup>o</sup>of the next morowe, so that there escaped not a man of them, save foure hundreth yong men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken: also David rescued his two wives.

19 And thei lacked nothing, small or great, sonne or daughter, or of the spoyle of all that they had taken away: David recovered them all.

20 David also toke all the shepe, & the oxen, and they drave them before his cattel, & said, This is Davids <sup>k</sup>praye.

21 ¶ And David came to the two hundreth men that were to wearie for to followe David: whome they had made also to abide at the river Besór: and they came to mete David, and to mete the people that were with him: so when David came nere to the people, he saluted them.

22 Then answered all the evil and wicked of the men that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, therefore wil we give them none of the praye, that we have recovered, save to every man his <sup>l</sup>wife and his children: therefore let them cary them away and departe.

23 Then said David, Ye shal not do so, my brethren, with that which the Lord hathe given us, who hathe preserved us, and delivered the companie that came against us, into our handes.

24 For who wil obey you in this matter? but as his parte *is* that goeth downe to the battel, so *shall* his parte *be*, that tarieth by the stuffe: they shal parte alike.

11 f God by his providence both provided for the necessity of this poor stranger, and made him a guide to David to accomplish his enterprise.

15 g For oaths were in all ages had in most reverence even among the heathens.

16 h The wicked in their pomp and pleasures consider not the judgement of God, which is then at hand to smite them.

17 i Some read, and unto the morrow of the two evenings: that is, three days.

20 k Which the Amalekites had taken of others, and David from them besides the goods of Ziklag.

22 l Under these are comprehended the cattle and goods, which appertained to every man.

25 <sup>m</sup>So from that day forward he made it a statute & a lawe in Israél, until this day.

26 ¶ When David therefore came to Ziklág, he sent of the pray unto the Elders of Judáh and 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 Jattír,

28 And to them of Aroér, and to them of Siphmóth, and to them of Eshtemóa,

29 And to them of Rachál, and to them of the cities of Jerahmeelites, and to them of the cities of the Kenites,

30 And to them of Hormáh, and to them of Chor-ashán, and to them of Athách,

31 And to them of Hebrón, and <sup>n</sup>to all the places where David and his men had hanted.

### CHAP. 31

4 Saúl killeth him selfe. 6 His children are slaine in the battel. 12 The men of Jabésh toke downe his body, which was hanged on the wall.

¶ **N**ow <sup>\*</sup>the Philistims foght against Israél, and the men of Israél fled away from the Philistims, and thei fel downe <sup>^</sup>wounded in mount Gilbóa.

2 And the Philistims preassed sore upon Saúl & his sonnes, & slewe Jonathán, & Abinadáb, & Malchishúa Sauls sonnes.

3 And when the battel went sore against Saúl, the archers & bowemen <sup>^</sup>hit him, & he was sore <sup>^</sup>wounded of the archers.

4 Then said Saúl unto his armour bearer, <sup>a</sup>Drawe out thy sworde, and thrust me through therewith, lest the uncircumcised come and thrust me through and mocke me: but his armour bearer wolde not, for he was sore afrayed. Therefore Saúl toke a sworde and fel upon it.

5 And when his armour bearer sawe that Saúl was dead, he fel likewise upon he 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 men of Israél that were on the otherside of the <sup>b</sup>valley, and they of the otherside <sup>c</sup>Jordan saw that the men of Israél were put to flight, and that Saúl and his sonnes were dead, then thei left the cities, and ran away: and the Philistims came and dwelt in them.

8 ¶ And on the morowe when the Philistims were come to spoyle them that were slaine, they founde Saúl and his thre sonnes 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 everie side, that they shulde <sup>d</sup>publish it in the temple of their idoles, and among the people.

10 And they layed up his armour in the house of Ashtaróth, but they hanged up his body on the wall of Beth-shan.

11 ¶ When the inhabitants of <sup>e</sup>Jubésh Gileád heard, what the

25 m Some refer these words to David, that he alleged an old custom and law, as if it were writ, It is both now and has been ever.

31 n Showing himself mindful of their benefits towards him.

### Chapter 31

1 \*1 Chron. 10.1.

1 <sup>^</sup>Or, slain.

3 <sup>^</sup>Ebr., found him.

3 <sup>^</sup>Or, afrayed.

4 a So we see that his cruel life had a desperate end, as is commonly seen in them, that persecute the children of God.

7 b Near to Gilboa.

7 c The tribes of Reuben and Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh.

9 d In token of victory and triumph.

11 e Whom he had delivered from their enemies, Chap, 11.11

Saúl buried

**1 Samuél 31:12 - 13**

Philistíms had done to Saúl,  
12 Then they arose (as manie as were strong men) and  
went all night and toke the body of Saúl, and the bodies of  
his sonnes, from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabésh,  
and \*burnt them there,

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12 \*Jer. 34.5

13 And toke their bones and \*bured them under a tre at  
Jabésh, and ffasted seven dayes.

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13 \*2 Sam. 2.4

13 f According to the custom of mourners.