

became lame: and his name was Miphiboseth.

**5** And the sons of Remmon the Berothite, Rechab and Baana coming, went into the house of Isboseth in the heat of the day: and he was sleeping upon his bed at noon. And the door-keeper of the house, who was cleansing wheat, was fallen asleep.

**6** And they entered into the house secretly taking ears of corn, and Rechab and Baana his brother stabbed him in the groin, and fled away.

**7** For when they came into the house, he was sleeping upon his bed in a parlour, and they struck him and killed him and taking away his head they went off by the way of the wilderness, walking all night.

**8** And they brought the head of Isboseth to David to Hebron: and they said to the king: Behold the head of Isboseth the son of Saul thy enemy who sought thy life: and the Lord hath revenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.

**9** But David answered Rechab, and Baana his brother, the sons of Remmon the Berothite, and said to them: As the Lord liveth, who hath delivered my soul out of all distress,

**10** The man that told me, and said: Saul is dead, who thought he brought good tidings, I apprehended, and slew him in Siceleg, who should have been rewarded for his news.

**11** How much more now when wicked men have slain an innocent man in his own house, upon his bed, shall I not require his blood at your hand, and take you away from the earth?

**12** And David commanded his servants and they slew them: and cutting off their hands and feet, hanged them up over the pool in Hebron: but the head of Isboseth they took and buried in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

## Chapter 5

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron, saying: Behold we are thy bone and thy flesh.

**2** Moreover yesterday also and the day before, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that did lead out and bring in Israel: and the Lord said to thee: Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be prince over Israel.

**3** The ancients also of Israel came to the king of Hebron, and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the Lord: and they anointed David to be king over Israel.

**4** David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

**5** In Hebron he reigned over Juda seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned three and thirty years over all Israel and Juda.

**6** And the king and all the men that were with him went to Jerusalem to the Jebusites the inhabitants of the land: and they said to David: Thou shalt not come in hither unless thou take away the blind and the lame that say: David shall not come in hither.

**7** But David took the castle of Sion, the same is the city of David.

**8** For David had offered that day a reward to whosoever should strike the Jebusites and get up to the gutters of the tops of the houses, and take away the blind and the lame that hated the soul of David: therefore it is said in the proverb: The blind and the lame shall not come into the temple.

**9** And David dwelt in the castle, and called it, The city of David: and built round about from Mello and inwards.

**10** And he went on prospering and growing up, and the Lord God of hosts was with him.

**11** And Hiram the king of Tyre sent messen-

gers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons for walls: and they built a house for David.

**12** And David knew that the Lord had confirmed him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom over his people Israel.

**13** And David took more concubines and wives of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were born to David other sons also and daughters:

**14** And these are the names of them, that were born to him in Jerusalem, Samua, and Sobab, and Nathan, and Solomon,

**15** And Jebahar, and Elisua, and Nepheg,

**16** And Japhia, and Elisama, and Elioda, and Eliphalet.

**17** And the Philistines heard that they had anointed David to be king over Israel: and they all came to seek David: and when David heard of it, he went down to a strong hold.

**18** And the Philistines coming spread themselves in the valley of Raphaim.

**19** And David consulted the Lord, Saying: Shall I go up to the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into my hand? And the Lord said to David: Go up, for I will surely deliver the Philistines into thy hand.

**20** And David came to Baal Pharisim: and defeated them there, and he said, The Lord hath divided my enemies before me, as waters are divided. Therefore the name of the place was called Baal Pharisim.

**21** And they left there their idols: which David and his men took away.

**22** And the Philistines came up again and spread themselves into the valley of Raphaim.

**23** And David consulted the Lord: Shall I go up against the Philistines, and wilt thou deliver them into my hands? He answered: Go not up against them but fetch a compass behind them,

and thou shalt come upon them over against the pear trees.

**24** And when thou shalt hear the sound of one going in the tops of the pear trees, then shalt thou join battle: for then will the Lord go out before thy face to strike the army of the Philistines.

**25** And David did as the Lord had commanded him, and he smote the Philistines from Gabaa until thou come to Gezer.

## Chapter 6

And David again gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

**2** And David arose and went, with all the people that were with him of the men of Juda to fetch the ark of God, upon which the name of the Lord of Hosts is invoked, who sitteth over it upon the cherubims.

**3** And they laid the ark of God upon a new cart: and took it out of the house of Abinadab, who was in Gabaa, and Oza and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.

**4** And when they had taken it out of the house of Abinadab, who was in Gabaa, Ahio having care of the ark of God went before the ark.

**5** But David and all Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of wood, on harps and lutes and timbrels and cornets and cymbals.

**6** And when they came to the floor of Nachon, Oza put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it: because the oxen kicked and made it lean aside.

**7** And the indignation of the Lord was enkindled against Oza, and he struck him for his rashness: and he died there before the ark of God.

**8** And David was grieved because the Lord

had struck Oza, and the name of that place was called: The striking of Oza, to this day.

**9** And David was afraid of the Lord that day, saying: How shall the ark of the Lord come to me?

**10** And he would not have the ark of the Lord brought in to himself into the city of David: but he caused it to be carried into the house of Obededom the Gethite.

**11** And the ark of the Lord abode in the house of Obededom the Gethite three months: and the Lord blessed Obededom, and all his household.

**12** And it was told king David, that the Lord had blessed Obededom, and all that he had, because of the ark of God. So David went, and brought away the ark of God out of the house of Obededom into the city of David with joy. And there were with David seven choirs, and calves for victims.

**13** And when they that carried the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a ram:

**14** And David danced with all his might before the Lord: and David was girded with a linen ephod.

**15** And David and all the house of Israel brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord with joyful shouting, and with sound of trumpet.

**16** And when the ark of the Lord was come into the city of David, Michol the daughter of Saul, looking out through a window, saw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord: and she despised him in her heart.

**17** And they brought the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle, which David had pitched for it: and David offered holocausts, and peace offerings before the Lord.

**18** And when he had made an end of offering holocausts and peace offerings, he blessed the

people in the name of the Lord of hosts.

**19** And he distributed to all the multitude of Israel, both men and women, to every one, a cake of bread, and a piece of roasted beef, and fine flour fried with oil: and all the people departed every one to his own house.

**20** And David returned to bless his own house: and Michol the daughter of Saul coming out to meet David, said: How glorious was the king of Israel to day, uncovering himself before the handmaids of his servants, and was naked, as if one of the buffoons should be naked.

**21** And David said to Michol: Before the Lord, who chose me rather than thy father, and than all his house, and commanded me to be ruler over the people of the Lord in Israel,

**22** I will both play and make myself meaner than I have done: and I will be little in my own eyes: and with the handmaids of whom thou speakest, I shall appear more glorious.

**23** Therefore Michol the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

## Chapter 7

And it came to pass when the king sat in his house, and the Lord had given him rest on every side from all his enemies,

**2** He said to Nathan the prophet: Dost thou see that I dwell in a house of cedar, and the ark of God is lodged within skins?

**3** And Nathan said to the king: Go, do all that is in thy heart: because the Lord is with thee.

**4** But it came to pass that night, that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying:

**5** Go, and say to my servant David: Thus saith the Lord: Shalt thou build me a house to dwell in?