

thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field. {2:23} So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law.

{3:1} Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? {3:2} And now [is] not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor. {3:3} Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: [but] make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking. {3:4} And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do. {3:5} And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.

{3:6} And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her. {3:7} And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

{3:8} And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. {3:9} And he said, Who [art] thou? And she answered, I [am] Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou [art] a near kinsman. {3:10} And he said, Blessed [be] thou of the LORD, my daughter: [for] thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. {3:11} And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou [art] a virtuous woman. {3:12} And now it is true that I [am thy] near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I. {3:13} Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, [that] if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, [as] the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.

{3:14} And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor. {3:15} Also he said, Bring the vail that [thou hast] upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six [measures] of barley, and laid [it] on her: and she went into the city. {3:16} And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who [art] thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her. {3:17} And she said, These six [measures] of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law. {3:18} Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

{4:1} Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down. {4:2} And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down. {4:3} And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which [was] our brother Elimelech's: {4:4} And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy [it] before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my

people. If thou wilt redeem [it,] redeem [it:] but if thou wilt not redeem [it, then] tell me, that I may know: for [there is] none to redeem [it] beside thee; and I [am] after thee. And he said, I will redeem [it. ] {4:5} Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy [it] also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.

{4:6} And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem [it] for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it. {4:7} Now this [was the manner] in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave [it] to his neighbour: and this [was] a testimony in Israel. {4:8} Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy [it] for thee. So he drew off his shoe.

{4:9} And Boaz said unto the elders, and [unto] all the people, Ye [are] witnesses this day, that I have bought all that [was] Elimelech's, and all that [was] Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi. {4:10} Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye [are] witnesses this day. {4:11} And all the people that [were] in the gate, and the elders, said, [We are] witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem: {4:12} And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.

{4:13} So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son. {4:14} And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed [be] the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel. {4:15} And he shall be unto thee a restorer of [thy] life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him. {4:16} And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it. {4:17} And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he [is] the father of Jesse, the father of David.

{4:18} Now these [are] the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron, {4:19} And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, {4:20} And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon, {4:21} And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, {4:22} And Obed begat Jesse,

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{1:1} Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite: {1:2} And he had two wives; the name of the one [was] Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. {1:3} And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, [were] there.

{1:4} And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: {1:5} But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb. {1:6} And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. {1:7} And [as] he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. {1:8} Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? [am] not I better to thee than ten sons?

{1:9} So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD. {1:10} And she [was] in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. {1:11} And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. {1:12} And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth. {1:13} Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. {1:14} And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. {1:15} And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I [am] a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunken neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD. {1:16} Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto. {1:17} Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant [thee] thy petition that thou hast asked of him. {1:18} And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more [sad.]

{1:19} And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her. {1:20} Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, [saying,] Because I have asked him of the LORD. {1:21} And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. {1:22} But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, [I will not go up] until the child be weaned, and [then] I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever. {1:23} And Elkanah her husband said unto

her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

{1:24} And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child [was] young. {1:25} And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. {1:26} And she said, Oh my lord, [as] thy soul liveth, my lord, I [am] the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. {1:27} For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: {1:28} Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

{2:1} And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. {2:2} [There is] none holy as the LORD: for [there is] none beside thee: neither [is there] any rock like our God. {2:3} Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let [not] arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. {2:4} The bows of the mighty men [are] broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. {2:5} [They that were] full have hired out themselves for bread; and [they that were] hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. {2:6} The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. {2:7} The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. {2:8} He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, [and] lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set [them] among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth [are] the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them. {2:9} He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. {2:10} The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed. {2:11} And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

{2:12} Now the sons of Eli [were] sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD. {2:13} And the priest's custom with the people [was, that,] when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand; {2:14} And he struck [it] into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither. {2:15} Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw. {2:16} And [if] any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and [then] take [as much] as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, [Nay:] but thou shalt give [it me] now: and if not, I will take [it] by force. {2:17} Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

{2:18} But Samuel ministered before the LORD, [being] a child, girded with a linen ephod. {2:19} Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought [it] to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer

the yearly sacrifice.

{2:20} And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home. {2:21} And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

{2:22} Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled [at] the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. {2:23} And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. {2:24} Nay, my sons; for [it is] no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD'S people to transgress. {2:25} If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them. {2:26} And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

{2:27} And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? {2:28} And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel [to be] my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel? {2:29} Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded [in my] habitation; and honourst thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? {2:30} Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed [that] thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. {2:31} Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. {2:32} And thou shalt see an enemy [in my] habitation, in all [the wealth] which [God] shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever. {2:33} And the man of thine, [whom] I shall not cut off from mine altar, [shall be] to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age. {2:34} And this [shall be] a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them. {2:35} And I will raise me up a faithful priest, [that] shall do according to [that] which [is] in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever. {2:36} And it shall come to pass, [that] every one that is left in thine house shall come [and] crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

{3:1} And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; [there was] no open vision. {3:2} And it came to pass at that time, when Eli [was] laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, [that] he could not see; {3:3} And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God [was,] and Samuel was laid down [to sleep;] {3:4} That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here [am] I. {3:5} And he ran unto Eli, and

said, Here [am] I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. {3:6} And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here [am] I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. {3:7} Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. {3:8} And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here [am] I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child. {3:9} Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. {3:10} And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

{3:11} And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. {3:12} In that day I will perform against Eli all [things] which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. {3:13} For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. {3:14} And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

{3:15} And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision. {3:16} Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here [am] I. {3:17} And he said, What [is] the thing that [the LORD] hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide [it] not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide [any] thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee. {3:18} And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It [is] the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

{3:19} And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. {3:20} And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel [was] established [to be] a prophet of the LORD. {3:21} And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

{4:1} And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Eben-ezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek. {4:2} And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

{4:3} And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies. {4:4} So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth [between] the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, [were] there with the ark of the covenant of God. {4:5} And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

{4:6} And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What [meaneth] the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp. {4:7} And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore. {4:8} Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these [are] the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness. {4:9} Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight.

{4:10} And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. {4:11} And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

{4:12} And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head. {4:13} And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told [it,] all the city cried out. {4:14} And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What [meaneth] the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli. {4:15} Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see. {4:16} And the man said unto Eli, I [am] he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son? {4:17} And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken. {4:18} And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

{4:19} And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, [near] to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her. {4:20} And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard [it. ] {4:21} And she named the child I-chabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband. {4:22} And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

{5:1} And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-ezer unto Ashdod. {5:2} When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

{5:3} And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon [was] fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. {5:4} And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon [was] fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands [were] cut off upon the threshold; only [the stump of] Dagon was left to him. {5:5} Therefore neither the priests of Dagon,

nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day. {5:6} But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, [even] Ashdod and the coasts thereof. {5:7} And when the men of Ashdod saw that [it was] so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god. {5:8} They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about [thither. ] {5:9} And it was [so,] that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

{5:10} Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people. {5:11} So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there. {5:12} And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

{6:1} And the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months. {6:2} And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place. {6:3} And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you. {6:4} Then said they, What [shall be] the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, [according to] the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague was on you all, and on your lords. {6:5} Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. {6:6} Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed? {6:7} Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them: {6:8} And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him [for] a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go. {6:9} And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Beth-shemesh, [then] he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that [it is] not his hand [that] smote us; it [was] a chance [that] happened to us.

{6:10} And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home: {6:11} And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods. {6:12} And the kine took the straight way to the way of Beth-shemesh, [and] went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside [to] the right hand or [to] the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after

them unto the border of Beth-shemesh. {6:13} And [they of] Beth-shemesh [were] reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see [it.] {6:14} And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Beth-shemite, and stood there, where [there was] a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD. {6:15} And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that [was] with it, wherein the jewels of gold [were,] and put [them] on the great stone: and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD. {6:16} And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen [it,] they returned to Ekron the same day. {6:17} And these [are] the golden emerods which the Philistines returned [for] a trespass offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one; {6:18} And the golden mice, [according to] the number of all the cities of the Philistines [belonging] to the five lords, [both] of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great [stone] of Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD: [which stone remaineth] unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Beth-shemite.

{6:19} And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten [many] of the people with a great slaughter. {6:20} And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shall he go up from us?

{6:21} And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, [and] fetch it up to you.

{7:1} And the men of Kirjath-jearim came, and brought up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD. {7:2} And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

{7:3} And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, [then] put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. {7:4} Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only. {7:5} And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD. {7:6} And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured [it] out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh. {7:7} And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard [it,] they were afraid of the Philistines. {7:8} And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

{7:9} And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered [it for] a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him. {7:10} And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering,

the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel. {7:11} And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until [they came] under Beth-car. {7:12} Then Samuel took a stone, and set [it] between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

{7:13} So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. {7:14} And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites. {7:15} And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. {7:16} And he went from year to year in circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places. {7:17} And his return [was] to Ramah; for there [was] his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

{8:1} And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. {8:2} Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: [they were] judges in Beer-sheba. {8:3} And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. {8:4} Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, {8:5} And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

{8:6} But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. {8:7} And the LORD said unto Samuel, Harken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. {8:8} According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. {8:9} Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

{8:10} And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king. {8:11} And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint [them] for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and [some] shall run before his chariots. {8:12} And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and [will set them] to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. {8:13} And he will take your daughters [to be] confectionaries, and [to be] cooks, and [to be] bakers. {8:14} And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, [even] the best [of them,] and give [them] to his servants. {8:15} And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. {8:16} And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put [them] to his work. {8:17} He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants. {8:18} And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the

LORD will not hear you in that day.

{8:19} Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; {8:20} That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. {8:21} And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD. {8:22} And the LORD said to Samuel, Harken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

{9:1} Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name [was] Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power. {9:2} And he had a son, whose name [was] Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and [there was] not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward [he was] higher than any of the people. {9:3} And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses. {9:4} And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found [them] not: then they passed through the land of Shalim, and [there they were] not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found [them] not. {9:5} [And] when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that [was] with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave [caring] for the asses, and take thought for us. {9:6} And he said unto him, Behold now, [there is] in this city a man of God, and [he is] an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go. {9:7} Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, [if] we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and [there is] not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we? {9:8} And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: [that] will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way. {9:9} (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for [he that is] now [called] a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.) {9:10} Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God [was].

{9:11} [And] as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here? {9:12} And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, [he is] before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for [there is] a sacrifice of the people to day in the high place: {9:13} As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; [and] afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him. {9:14} And they went up into the city: [and] when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

{9:15} Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying, {9:16} To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him [to be] captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me. {9:17} And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to

thee of! this same shall reign over my people. {9:18} Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house [is]. {9:19} And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I [am] the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that [is] in thine heart. {9:20} And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom [is] all the desire of Israel? [Is it] not on thee, and on all thy father's house? {9:21} And Saul answered and said, [Am] not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me? {9:22} And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which [were] about thirty persons. {9:23} And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee. {9:24} And the cook took up the shoulder, and [that] which [was] upon it, and set [it] before Saul. And [Samuel] said, Behold that which is left! set [it] before thee, [and] eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

{9:25} And when they were come down from the high place into the city, [Samuel] communed with Saul upon the top of the house. {9:26} And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad. {9:27} [And] as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.

{10:1} Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured [it] upon his head, and kissed him, and said, [Is it] not because the LORD hath anointed thee [to be] captain over his inheritance? {10:2} When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son? {10:3} Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine: {10:4} And they will salute thee, and give thee two [loaves] of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands. {10:5} After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where [is] the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy: {10:6} And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. {10:7} And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, [that] thou do as occasion serve thee; for God [is] with thee. {10:8} And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, [and] to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

{10:9} And it was [so,] that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day. {10:10} And when they