

The formation of the world,

and creation of man.

THE BOOK OF J A S H E R.¹

¹ Heb. THE UP-
RIGHT.

CHAP. I.

1 The formation of the world. 3 the light shineth. 7 the earth is productive. 11 the creation of man. 13 the birth of Cain and Abel. 17 of Enoch. 23 the death of Adam.

A. M.
1.

^a Heb. the prime

^b Heb. the desert

^c Heb. the atoms
^d Heb. confused
mass of matter.

^e Heb. the flame,
or, burning.

^f Heb. the bot-
tomless pit.

1 **WHILST** it was the ^a be-
ginning, darkness over-
spread the face of ^b nature.

2 And the ^c ether moved up-
on the surface of the ^d chaos.

3 And it came to pass, that
a great ^e light shone forth from
the firmament, and enlighten-
ed the ^f abyss.

4 And the abyss fled before
the face of the light, and di-
vided between the light and
the darkness.

5 So that the face of nature
was formed a second time.

6 And behold there appear-
ed in the firmament two great
lights: the one to rule the
light, and the other to rule
the darkness.

^g Heb. the earth,
or, nature.

7 And the ^g ground brought
1

forth grass: the herb yielding
seed, and the fruit-tree after
his kind.

8 And every beast after his
kind: and every thing that
creepeth, after their kind.

9 And the waters brought
forth the moving creatures, af-
ter their kind.

10 And the ether brought
forth every winged fowl, after
his kind.

11 ¶ And when all these
things were ^h fulfilled, behold
ⁱ JEHOVAH appeared in ^k Eden,
and created man, and made
him to be an ^l image of his own
eternity.

12 And to him was given
power and ^m lordship over all
living creatures, and over eve-
ry herb, and over every tree
of the field.

13 And it came to pass, in
process of time, that the man
begat ⁿ Cain: and he also be-
gat his brother ^o Abel.

14 And Cain was the first
man who tilled the ground:

B

A. M.
1.

^h Heb. finished.
ⁱ Heb. I am that
I am.
^k Heb. delighted
^l Heb. likeness.

^m Heb. rule.

ⁿ Heb. the pos-
sessed.
^o Heb. the feeder

A. M.
61.15 And Abel was a feeder
of sheep.16 And Cain went out and
dwelt on the east of Eden, in
the land of ¹Nod.¹Heb. peregrination.²Heb. the civilized.17 And Cain begat ³Enoch :
then did men begin to build
cities.⁴Heb. the meanspirited.⁵Heb. the experienced.18 And unto ⁶Lamech was
born ⁷Jabal : he was the
first who taught men to build
tents.⁸Heb. the emulous.19 And unto Lamech also
was born ⁹Tubal-Cain : he was
the first who wrought in brass
and iron, and who builded up
the ¹⁰harp and the organ.¹¹Heb. all kinds of music.¹²Heb. the regular.¹³Heb. the despondent.20 And ¹⁴Seth begat
¹⁵Enos : then began men
by name to call on the
Lord.¹⁶Heb. the flesh.21 And all the days of the
life of ¹⁷Adam, there was rest,
and peace, and quiet, unto all
men.22 For they listened unto
all things, concerning which
he spake unto them.

930.

23 And Adam lived nine
hundred and thirty years, and
he died.

CHAP. II.

1 *The birth of Noah. 2 he first
buildeth the ship. 4 all the people
speak one language. 8 Noah
dies. 10 Peleg is born. 11 he
divideth the land. 13 Nimrod
opposeth Peleg, and the people
are dispersed.*

1056.

¹Heb. the soil of death.²Heb. rest.1 AND Lamech, the son of
³Methuselah, begat
⁴Noah.2 And Noah was the first
who builded the ship : and
who sojourned upon the great
waters.A. M.
1537.3 And he was the father of
those who go down into the
deep, and who occupy them-
selves in much water.4 At this time the whole
was of one ⁵lip, and of one
word : and there was peace
unto all.

1757.

⁶Heb. tongue.5 ¶ And it came to pass,
that men were multiplied be-
fore the face of the earth ; and
they became mighty, and men
of renown.6 And ⁷Japhet, and his
sons, and his sons' sons, said
unto Noah, Behold, thou art
our ⁸father ! permit us, we
beseech thee, seeing the land
is not able to bear us, our chil-
dren, and our herds, and our
flocks, to pass over and dwell
in the plain of ⁹Shinar.¹⁰Heb. the persuader.¹¹Heb. ruler.¹²Heb. vigilance.7 And Noah said, Be it
unto you, as ye list : only this
thing I command ye, that ye
worship the God of your fa-
thers, observing all things
which ye have received.8 And Noah lived nine hun-
dred and thirty years : and he
died.

2010.

9 And from these men of
renown rose up great nations,
by whom the isles of the ¹⁰Gen-
tiles were peopled.¹¹Or, strangers.10 ¶ And it came to pass,
in process of time, that there
stood up among men, ¹²Peleg,
the son of ¹³Eber.

1729.

¹⁴Heb. the divider.¹⁵Heb. the wrathful.

A. M.
1750.

11 It was he who first invented the hedge and ditch, the wall and bulwark: and who by lot divided the lands among his brethren.

^k Heb. the headstrong.

12 And ^k Nimrod said, Wherefore should we obey Peleg: and why should we forsake the customs of our forefathers.

13 And the people hardened unto him: for Nimrod was a mighty hunter, and a man of renown.

14 And there arose a great strife among the people: and they were scattered upon the earth.

15 And Nimrod builded him cities: and he gathered together the scattered of the land.

CHAP. III.

1 Abraham and Sarah. 4 he leaves Canaan. 6 goes into Egypt. 8 his riches. 11 removes to Mamre, 16 circumcises himself. 20 Sarah dissuades him from slaying his son Isaac. 39 his death. 41 Isaac dies. 43 a famine in Canaan. 48 Pharaoh sends for Jacob into Egypt. 51 Jacob goes. 53 his death

2093.

^a Heb. the multitude.
^b Heb. the discontented.
^c Heb. the fruitful.

1 AND ^aAbraham was the son of ^bTerah: and ^cSarah was the wife of Abraham.
2 And Abraham said, Lo, the nations are full of confusion: and the inhabitants of the earth have perverted their ways.

3 Thus saith Abraham, the son of Terah, I have spied iniquity among the Gentiles, and evil among the sons of Cain.

4 And Abraham departed from his brethren, and passed through the land of ^dCanaan, he and his wife; and he pitched his tent on the plain of ^eMoriah.

5 And as he journeyed still on to the south, he heard a voice saying unto him, ^fI will make of thee a great nation.

6 ¶ And Abraham went into ^gEgypt: and he abode there, and found favour with ^hPharaoh,

7 And Pharaoh gave unto Abraham, sheep and oxen: and he-asses and she-asses, and men-servants and maid-servants.

8 And Abraham was rich in cattle, and in men-servants and maid-servants, and in silver and gold: and Abraham went up out of Egypt, even unto ⁱBethel did he go.

9 And the herds and possessions of Abraham increased exceedingly: so that the ^kland was not able to bear them.

10 Insomuch that the servants of Abraham, and the servants of ^lLot strove together.

11 Then Abraham arose, his wife, his servants, and his flocks: and he removed his tent, and he came and dwelt

A. M.
2098.

^d Heb. delightful.

^e Heb. morose.

^f Heb. Out of thee shall come forth a great nation.

^g Heb. bondage.

^h Heb. the unwilling.

ⁱ Heb. house of God.

^k Heb. spot.

^l Heb. the distressed.

A. M. in the plain of ^mMamre, nigh
2103. unto ⁿHebron.

^{*Heb. rebellion}
^{*Heb. charm.}

12 ¶ Now so it came to pass, that Sarah, Abraham's wife, had not brought forth her first-born.

13 And Abraham complained, and said; Unto me thou hast not given an heir: lo! the stranger, born in my house, shall rule after me.

14 And Abraham heard a voice saying unto him, Circumcise the flesh of thy foreskin, for therefore art thou barren.

15 And Abraham did so: and he went in unto Sarah, and she conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name

^{*Heb. the laugh} ^oIsaac.

16 And Abraham was ninety and nine years old, when he circumcised the flesh of his foreskin.

17 And Abraham removed from the plains of Mamre, and went and dwelt between ^pKadesh and ^qShur.

^{rHeb. holy.}
^{sHeb. strong.}

18 And Abraham was stricken in years, and his strength failed him.

19 And when Isaac was twenty and five years old, Abraham heard a voice, saying, Take thy son, and slay him, and offer him up a burnt-offering in the land wherein he was born.

20 And Sarah spake unto Abraham, and said, The holy voice hath not so spoken; for remember thou the words

of that voice which said unto thee, I will make of thee a great nation. A. M. 2144.

21 ¶ And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

22 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

23 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

24 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

25 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?

26 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering: so they went both of them together.

27 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son,

A. M. and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

28 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

29 And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

30 And he said, Lay not thy hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

31 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son.

32 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.

33 ¶ And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

34 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

35 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea

shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.

36 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

37 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.]

38 And Abraham repented him of the evil he purposed to do unto his son, his only son, Isaac.

39 And Abraham died, and was buried; even in the place where Sarah his wife was buried, there was he buried also.

40 ¶ And Isaac begat Jacob of Rebecca his wife.

41 And it came to pass, in process of time, that Isaac was gathered unto his fathers: and Jacob increased in men-servants, and in maid-servants, and in sheep, and in oxen, in he-asses and in she-asses, and in silver and in gold.

42 And Jacob dwelt in the land of Canaan.

43 ¶ And it came to pass, after many days were fulfilled, that there was a great famine in that land.

44 And Joseph, one of the sons of Jacob, in those days ministered in Egypt.

45 And Jacob said unto his sons, Arise, go down into Egypt, and buy ye corn for us, your wives, and your little ones, that we and they may live, and not die.

A. M. 2144.

2190.

^{Heb. the sup-planter.}
^{Heb. the glutted.}

2292.

^{Heb. the added}

Jacob dies in Egypt.

J A S H E R. Pharaoh will not let the Israelites go.

A. M.
2299.

46 And they saddled their asses, and they journeyed into Egypt, and they hastened to do according to all that Jacob had spoken, for the famine was sore in the land.

47 And Joseph interceded for his brethren: and Pharaoh said unto the sons of Jacob, Lade ye your beasts, and return ye into the land of Canaan.

48 And say ye unto your father, Thus saith Pharaoh, king of Egypt, Come unto me, ye, your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and your little ones; and ye shall dwell in the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat of the "fat of the land.

^a Heb. the best food.

49 And they returned into Canaan; and they told unto Jacob, their father, all those things which Pharaoh had commanded them.

50 And Jacob accepted the offer that Pharaoh had made him, because the famine was sore in the land of Canaan.

51 And Jacob delayed not, but came down, he, and his family, into Egypt.

^a Heb. nigh.

52 And Pharaoh gave him the land of "Goshen to dwell in, which was near.

2315.

53 And Jacob died in the land of Goshen, in the land of Egypt.

CHAP. IV.

2 *The Israelites increase.* 4 *They want to go into Canaan.* 6 *Pharaoh will not let them go.* 13 *Zupnah's counsel.* 20 *The Israelites are taxed.*

6

1 **AND** the children of Israel sojourned in the land of Egypt many years after the death of Jacob their father.

2 And it came to pass in process of time, that they increased abundantly, and they waxed mighty; and the land of Goshen was filled with them.

3 And they sent messengers unto Pharaoh, king of Egypt, saying:

4 The land in which we dwell is not able to bear us, our children, our flocks, and our cattle; wherefore we pray thee, suffer us to return into the land of Canaan from whence we came out.

5 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, even unto the wise men of his kingdom:

6 How is this, that the children of Jacob say unto us, Suffer us to return into the land of Canaan from whence we came out?

7 Are they not the subjects of the Egyptians? have we not bought them with a price?

8 And the wise men answered Pharaoh, and said: When the famine was sore in the land of Canaan, thy father's father gave unto Jacob and his children the land of Goshen for to dwell in, and with the fat of Egypt were they sustained.

9 Now, know, O king, in those days, thy father's father advanced one Joseph, an "He-

A. M.
2335.

^a Heb. the alien.

A. M. brew, who was the son of
2375. ^bJacob.

^b Heb. the ex-
actor.

10 And he was a stranger
in the land of Egypt; and he
bought Egypt with a price.

^c Heb. rebel.

11 And Pharaoh said, have
we nourished them, and shall
they now turn up the heel
against us?

^d Chald. the
hard.

12 And ^d Zapnah stood
forth and said: Harken unto
me, O Pharaoh, king of
Egypt, let thy servant speak,
let the words of my mouth
find favour before thee.

13 And Zapnah said, The
children of Jacob are become
a great people for number;
and they increase daily, and
they thirst after dominion.

^e Heb. go in.

14 And peradventure it shall
come to pass that they shall
join themselves unto our ene-
mies, and fight against us, and
slay us, and take away from us
our inheritance.

15 Send therefore unto Go-
shen, even unto the children
of Jacob, saying, Ye shall
number the males according
to your tribes, from him that
is able to go forth to battle,
even to the hoary head; the
females also ye shall number,
ye shall number the children
of Jacob both males and fe-
males.

16 And Pharaoh did so:
and Pharaoh said: Behold the
sons of Jacob are more in
number than my own people.

17 Up now, let us set over
them task-masters; for the

land of Egypt groaneth, it is
heavy laden, it bendeth under
its burthen.

18 Now the land of Egypt
gave of its increase unto Pha-
raoh, the fifth part thereof.

19 And Pharaoh said: Of
the increase of the land of
Egypt shall ye every year
bring into my storehouses, the
tenth part thereof.

20 And of the increase of
the land of Goshen shall the
children of Jacob bring unto
Pithom and Raamses year by
year the tenth part thereof,
without waste shall they bring
it.

21 So the Egyptians were
eased of their burthens; and
the children of Israel were
grievously oppressed.

22 ¶ All these things which
I Jasher have written, received
I from ^bCaleb my father, yea,
even from ⁱHezron my father's
father, and from ^kAzuba who
travailed with me.

^f Heb. accom-
plished.

^g Heb. threat-
ning.

^h Heb. the hear-
ty.
ⁱ Heb. the arrow
of joy.
^k Heb. the
chaste.

CHAP. V.

4 Pharaoh again oppresses the Is-
raelites. 6 He orders the males
of the Hebrews to be killed. 8
Moses is born. 13 Pharaoh's
daughter intercedeth for the He-
brew males. 14 Moses becomes
her son.

1 **THESE** are the words of
Jasher, the son of Caleb,
by Azuba.

2385.

2 And it came to pass in
process of time, that the chil-
dren of Israel were multiplied
exceedingly.

^l Heb. prevail-
ing.

Moses is born ;

J A S H E R.

leaves Egypt, and goes to Goshen.

A. M.
2395.

3 And they said one unto the other, Shall we bow down and serve the Egyptians, seeing we are become more, and mightier than they.

4 And the sayings of the children of Israel were told unto Pharaoh ; and he said, They are wanton, they lift up the heel ; set over them more task-masters.

5 And they did so ; but it availed not : for the more the house of Jacob was afflicted, the more they increased and multiplied.

6 And Pharaoh was greatly vexed, and he said, This people will eat us up ; wherefore ye shall slay every male of the Hebrews that cometh out of the womb, in the day that he is born shall he surely die.

7 Now when the daughter of Pharaoh heard of these things she sought to turn away the evil imaginations of her father against the males of the children of Israel.

8 And it came to pass that ^bMoses the son of ^cAmram, by ^dJochebed his wife, was the first male that came out of the womb after the decree of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to slay all the males of the Hebrews.

9 And Jochebed the mother of Moses, with ^eMiriam his sister, came unto Pharaoh's daughter ; and Jochebed said, Behold here the son of thy handmaid !

10 And Pharaoh's daughter said, What wist you ?

11 And they said, Thy father hath commanded that this infant be slain ; yea, and that all the Hebrew males as soon as they are born be slain also.

12 And Pharaoh's daughter said, Give unto me the child. And they did so. And she said, This shall be my son.

13 And it came to pass, that the wrath of Pharaoh was turned away from slaying the males of the Hebrews.

14 And the child Moses grew and increased in stature, and was learned in all the magic of the Egyptians.

CHAP. VI.

3 *Moses leaves Egypt, and goes into Goshen.* 5 *Proposes to his brethren to shake off the Egyptian yoke.* 8 *Pharaoh hears of this.* 10 *Moses flies into Midiam.* 12 *Caleb invents the bow.* 14 *Moses comes into Goshen.* 18 *The Hebrews reprove Moses.* 21 *Their burdens.*

1 AND it came to pass in those days, that Pharaoh died ; and the daughter of Pharaoh died also.

2 And there arose up a king who knew not Moses ; neither regarded he the children of Israel.

3 ¶ When all these things were accomplished, Moses came up out of Egypt ; and he sojourned with his brethren in the land of Goshen.

A. M.
2433.

2473.

^a Heb. drawn from the water.

^c Heb. the robust.

^d Heb. the comely.

^e Heb. the praiser.

A. M.
2473.

4 And Moses saw the oppression of the Egyptians, wherewith they oppressed his brethren: and it grieved him to the heart.

5 And he said unto his brethren, Let us shake off the yoke of the Egyptians: let us cast away their bondage from us.

6 We be more in number than the people of Egypt, the lesser should always bow down and serve the greater: as it is written in the prophecy of Jacob our father.

7 The fifth part of the increase of our lands will we not give the Egyptians: neither will we serve Pharaoh any longer.

8 Now when it was told Pharaoh, That Moses stirred up the people: and made them uneasy under their burthens ;

9 That Pharaoh sent messengers unto Moses, but they found him not: for he had fled out of the land of Goshen from the face of Pharaoh, into the land of ^aMidian.

^a Heb. judging.^b Heb. the excellent.^c Heb. the cause of contention.

10 And Moses abode with ^bJethro, the prince of Midian: and Moses took to wife, ^cZipporah, the daughter of Jethro. And he dwelt with him thirty and nine years.

2488.

11 ¶ And it came to pass after Moses had fled from the face of Pharaoh, and had left his brethren in the land of Goshen,

9

12 That Caleb, the son of Hezron, invented the bow: for he was a mighty man, and a man of renown.

13 He taught the children of Jacob to shoot with the bow: he learnt his brethren to prepare themselves for the battle.

14 ¶ And Moses was eighty years old: and it was told unto him, saying, Pharaoh who sought thy life is dead.

2512.

15 And Moses sent ^eGershom his son before his face: and Moses came, he and his wife, into the land of Goshen, even to his brethren did he come.

^e Heb. the peregrine.

16 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and said, Whilst I sojourned in the land of Midian, I heard a voice saying unto me: Arise, go up unto thy brethren, for I will by thy hand bring back the children of Jacob, and they shall possess the land of Canaan from whence they came out.

17 And the elders of the children of Israel knew not Moses: neither regarded they the words of his mouth.

18 And they said unto Moses, Thou hast polluted the house of Jacob: for lo! thou hast taken to wife one who is not an Israelite.

19 And Moses said: 'I have sinned.

^f Or, I have deviated.

20 And Moses put away Zipporah and her children:

c

A. M.
2513.

and they returned unto Jethro in the land of Midian.

21 ¶ Then stood forth Caleb and said, The Egyptians have laid on us great weights, burthens that we are not able to bear, and the necks of the people are sore through the pressure thereof;

22 Let us therefore hearken unto the words of Moses; peradventure salvation is on his right hand.

23 For this fifty years have we served with great toil the Egyptians, with the sweat of our brows we have borne heavy burthens, and they have not touched them with the little finger.

24 And Moses said, Trust in the Lord God of your fathers, for he will bring you up out of the affliction wherewith the Egyptians oppress you, unto the land of our father Jacob, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

25 A land whereon my feet have stood, and mine eyes have seen:

26 That ye may be a great people, a people whose number may be as the stars in the firmament, and as the sand upon the sea-shore.

27 Wherefore I will go unto Pharaoh, peradventure he will let the children of Israel go up out of the land of Egypt unto the land of Canaan, even unto the heritage of our forefathers.

CHAP. VII.

A. M.
2513.

2 *Moses goes unto Pharaoh. 6 Desires that he might lead the Hebrews into the land of Canaan. 10 Pharaoh straightens the Hebrews. 16 They are angry with Moses and Aaron.*

1 AND it came to pass, when the people saw all the signs and the wonders which Moses wrought in the sight of all Israel, in the presence of the congregation, that they believed.

2 And Moses said unto the elders of Israel, Send also with me Aaron, my brother, that he may be a spokesman for me, and for you.

3 And also Jasher, the son of Caleb, that he may bear the rod before us.

4 And the elders of Israel said unto Aaron, and unto Jasher, Go, and may ye, and all the children of Jacob, find favour in the sight of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

5 Then went Moses unto Pharaoh, and said, Fourscore and one years have we served thee, yea, with rigorous servitude have bowed down our necks unto thee.

6 And behold the land of Goshen is not able to bear us; the number of thy servants increase daily, wherefore, let us now pass through the land of Egypt unto the wilderness, that we may go and sojourn in the land of Canaan, from whence we came out.

**Heb. the eloquent.*

A. M.
2513.

7 For behold, O Pharaoh! thus hath said our forefathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: The land of Canaan shall be thine inheritance, it shall be the dwelling of your sons, your sons' sons, and your posterity for ever.

8 And Pharaoh said, Are ye come hither to mock me? I regard not the prophecies of your fathers, neither will I let the children of Israel go up out of the land.

9 The house of Jacob are the nurture of the Egyptians: wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, dissuade the people from their duty.

10 ¶ Then Pharaoh called unto him the task-masters, whom he had set over the children of Israel, and he said unto them, Ye are negligent; bring ye unto my treasure-cities, Pithom and Raamses, the fifth of the increase of the land of Goshen, by the sixth day, ye shall bring it to the full tale thereof.

11 And the task-masters did as Pharaoh had commanded; and they pressed sore the officers of the children of Israel.

12 And they were straightened for time, because the commandment of Pharaoh was urgent.

13 And they cried unto Pharaoh, and said, Give unto thy servants other six days, so shall we be able to obey thy voice, O Pharaoh!

14 But Pharaoh answered, I will not, hasten therefore, and bring of the increase of your lands, your flocks, and your herds, even the fifth part of them shall ye bring unto Pithom and Raamses.

15 And as they departed, the officers of the children of Israel met Moses and Aaron in the way, and they said unto them,

16 Pharaoh will not hear us, neither regardeth he the words of our forefathers, neither hath the words of you, Moses and Aaron, any power over him, it had been better for us you had never gone forth and spake unto him.

17 And Moses was angry because of the sayings of the officers of the children of Israel, and Moses said,

18 Wherefore should Pharaoh evil intreat the children of Israel?

A. M.
2513.

CHAP. VIII.

2 *Moses persuades the people to go out of Egypt.* 8 *Goes again to Pharaoh.* 12 *Moses's rod.* 17 *Becomes a serpent.* 23 *Turns the river into blood.* 25 *The river brings forth frogs.* 30 *Pharaoh will not let the Hebrews go.*

1 AND it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses assembled together the sons of ^aReuben, ^bSimeon, ^cLevi, ^dGershon, ^eKohath, ^fMerari, ^gIzhar, ^hUzziel, and ⁱKorah,

^aHeb. I have seen my son.

^bHeb. the attentive.

^cHeb. copuled.

^dHeb. the stranger.

^eHeb. gathering.

^fbittler.

^gHeb. bright.

^hHeb. the strength of God.

ⁱHeb. bald.

A. M.
2513. even the heads of the families
of the children of Israel.

2 And Moses said unto them,
The heart of Pharaoh is set
against us, and it cometh to
pass, when we speak unto him
to go three days' journey into
the wilderness, that he oppress-
eth us sore.

3 And now, O elders of Is-
rael, ye this day bear me wit-
ness, how that our fathers,
even Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
dwelt in the land of Canaan,
and possessed the same.

4 And they said unto us, It
is a land that floweth with milk
and honey.

5 And this we ourselves
know, that the compass of it
will receive us, our wives, our
children, and our flocks.

6 Remember also the words
which Jacob spake unto us,
when as yet he was with us:
Ye shall go up and dwell in the
land of your fathers.

7 And the heads of the fa-
milies of the children of Israel
said unto Moses: Go unto Pha-
raoh in our names, in the names
of the elders of the house of
Jacob.

8 ¶ And Moses went unto
Pharaoh: and Pharaoh was
walking in his garden, by the
river side, and his wise men
were with him.

9 And Moses said unto Pha-
raoh, Let us, we pray thee,
go through the land of Egypt
unto the wilderness, that we
may serve the Lord.

10 And Pharaoh answered
and said: Surely to make a
nation of thy people, that thou
mayest rule over them, art
thou come! From whence art
thou?

11 And Moses spake unto
Pharaoh, and said, The Lord
hath sent me: out of Midian
am I come.

12 And Pharaoh said unto
Moses, What meanest that rod
that is borne before you, Moses,
and before you, Aaron?

13 And Moses spake out
aloud unto Pharaoh, and said,
Thus saith the Lord: It is the
wand and token of my power,
whereby you, and all the
Egyptians shall know, that I
am sent unto you.

14 And Pharaoh was seated
under a pavilion, he and his
wise men: and Moses, Aaron,
and Jasher, stood there also.

15 And Pharaoh said, Is
that the rod of which I have
been told, that thou, Moses,
didst throw it upon the earth,
before the elders of Israel, and
it became as a serpent?

16 And Moses said, O Pha-
raoh! it came to pass as thou
hast spoken.

17 And the heart of Pha-
raoh was as salt: and Moses
took the rod, and he threw it
down before Pharaoh, and be-
fore his servants, and the rod
became as a serpent.

18 Then the wise men, the
magicians, and sorcerers of
Egypt, threw down their rods

A. M.
2513.

A. M. before Pharaoh: and their rods
2513. became as serpents.

19 But the rod of Moses was as a serpent, when the rods of the magicians and sorcerers were not so.

20 ¶ And it came to pass on the morning of the next day, as Pharaoh walked by the river side, Mosesspake unto Pharaoh, and said,

21 Lo! this will I do; I will smite this river, which thou seest, with this rod, and the water thereof shall become as blood, and all the moving creatures therein shall die, and the river shall stink.

22 And Pharaoh said unto Moses, If thou canst do this thing, thou art able to be a lawgiver to, and a ruler over thy people.

23 And Moses smote the river with his rod, and the river was as blood: and the magicians did so.

24 And Pharaoh laughed at Moses.

25 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses smote the river, and it brought forth frogs in abundance, so that they crawled upon the banks thereof.

26 And the magicians and sorcerers of Egypt with their rods smote the river, and it brought forth frogs.

27 And Pharaoh spake unto Moses, and said: Where are now thy wonders, seeing my servants do the like?

28 And Moses went out from before the face of Pharaoh. A. M. 2513.

29 ¶ And Moses returned into the land of Goshen, and he called for the elders of Israel: and he told them all that he had done in Egypt.

30 And that Pharaoh would not let them from their burthens to go through the land of Egypt into the land of Canaan, as our fathers had promised unto us, and unto our seed for ever.

CHAP. IX.

1 Caleb proposes to fight their way through Egypt, 9 which is told Pharaoh, 11 who is willing to let them go on certain conditions. 19 the Hebrews sell their possessions to the Egyptians, 23 whom they spoil. 26 the Hebrews go out armed.

1 **AND** in those days it came to pass, that Caleb, the son of Hezron, stood up before the assembly of the children of Israel, and he said unto them:

2 Now know ye, that Pharaoh and his servants will not let us go peaceably through Egypt unto the promised land.

3 Are the Egyptians to compare with us? Can they bend the bow? Can they set forth the battle?

4 Are not they backsliders? Are they not weak? Do not they delight in ease and in soft raiment?

A. M.
2513.

5 Wherefore thus saith Caleb, the son of Hezron: Up, let us take the bow, and on the morrow let us enter the land of Egypt to pass through it to the land of our father Jacob.

6 And let no man do hurt unto the Egyptians, unless Pharaoh and his servants should seek to slay us.

7 And the counsel of Caleb was pleasing unto all the disciples of the bow, who were the followers of the son of Hezron.

8 And Moses said, Caleb, the son of Hezron, hath well spoken: By midnight on the morrow, will we and all the host of Israel assay to go up out of the land of Egypt.

9 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that these things were told unto Pharaoh, and unto those that were with him.

10 And the wise men of Egypt said unto Pharaoh, Let the Hebrews go, lest peradventure they slay us, our wives, and our children, and take away the land from us.

11 Then Pharaoh called for Moses, and for all the elders of the children of Israel, and he said unto them, I will let you, your wives, and your children go: only your flocks and your herds, they you shall leave behind; so shall you go up out of the land.

12 And Moses said, How then shall the people be sustained as they pass through

Egypt, and when they come into the wilderness, if our flocks and our herds go not with us.

13 And Pharaoh said, As you pass through the land of Egypt, I will command my servants, and they shall lodge you by night, and provide food for you by day.

14 Wherefore shall ye leave your flocks, and your herds, and the increase of your lands, behind ye: then shall ye pass through the land of Egypt, and no one shall fight against you.

15 Seeing if you lead your flocks and your herds into the wilderness, there must they perish in the desert.

16 And Moses went forth from Pharaoh, and spake unto the children of Israel, saying, Pharaoh will let us go, our wives and our children, but our flocks and our herds, and the increase of our lands must we leave behind us in the land of Goshen. And the people were moved.

17 ¶ Then spake Moses and the elders of Israel unto Pharaoh, and said, Thy people shall buy our flocks, and our herds, and the increase of our lands with a price, that we may have wherewith to purchase necessities of thy servants, the Egyptians, as we pass through thy land.

18 And Pharaoh said, Now will I let the people go, only

A. M.
2513.

A. M. 2513. this shall you observe, That my people shall give you for your flocks, and for your cattle, and for the increase of your lands, such pieces of money as they shall think proper, and you shall sell unto them all your possessions.

19 And Moses and the elders sold unto the Egyptians on a set-day, even all that they had, their cattle, their houses, the fruit of the ground, yea, all the worth of the children of Israel.

20 Only Miriam begged of the Egyptians a male and a female of every flock, and of every herd, and of every fowl, and of every beast.

21 And it came to pass, that the flocks, and the herds, and the possessions of the children of Israel were so great in number, that the Egyptians lacked money to make good the purchase thereof.

22 And the Egyptians said unto their wives, and unto their daughters, give unto us your ear-rings, your jewels of silver, and your jewels of gold, that we may pay unto the Hebrews that which we owe unto them.

23 And the price thereof spoiled the Egyptians.

24 And it came to pass, when the sale was over, that Moses hastened the children of Israel to go up out of the land of Egypt.

25 And the trumpet sounded about midnight, and the chil-

dren of Israel hastened with great haste to go up out of Egypt.

26 And Caleb spake in the ears of the people, and he said, Let every man take his bow in his hand; so shall Israel go up out of the land of bondage with an out-stretched arm.

27 And they did so: and great fear fell upon all the Egyptians.

CHAP. X.

1 *The Hebrews deceive the Egyptians. 5 Pharaoh pursues them.*

11 *The Israelites murmur against Moses. 15 The people send Jasher to Pharaoh. 30 Resolve to pass the Red Sea.*

1 NOW it came to pass on the morrow, that the Egyptians began to count the flocks, and the herds, and the possessions of the children of Israel, which they had sold unto the Egyptians, and behold there lacked in the tale thereof.

2 Then the people of Egypt cried unto Pharaoh, and said: We have done wrong in letting the children of Jacob our nurture go away from serving thee and thy people.

3 For lo! the Hebrews have sold unto us more in number of their flocks and their herds, and their possessions than they had.

4 And Pharaoh said, Arise, let us pursue after them, per-

A. M. 2513.

A. M. adventure we shall overtake
2513. them before they have gotten
into the wilderness.

5 And Pharaoh and the Egyptians pursued after the children of Israel : even unto
• Heb. strong. ^aEthem in the wilderness, at the extremity of the Red Sea.

6 ¶ Now it came to pass, when Moses perceived that Pharaoh pursued after the Israelites by the way of the wilderness, that he turned off, and he and all Israel came
• Heb. secreted. unto ^bBaal-zephon, which is on this side of the Red Sea.

7 And it was told unto Pharaoh, that Moses and the Hebrews had fled by the way of Baal-zephon.

8 Then said Pharaoh unto his captains, and unto the rulers of his host : Lo ! the host of Egypt waxeth slack, let us remain here for some time, and let us send forth spies ; for behold ! the deceivers cannot escape out of our hands.

9 And Moses sent messengers unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore follow ye after us ? Are not the tribes of Israel in number more than the people of Egypt ? Let us go and serve the Lord in the wilderness, we pray thee !

10 And Pharaoh answered those that were sent unto him, and said, Because ye have deceived Pharaoh and his servants : because ye have spoiled the Egyptians. And Pharaoh was exceeding wroth.

11 And the children of Israel cried unto Moses, and said, Wherefore hast thou attempted thus vainly to bring us up out of Egypt, Surely, as sheep appointed for the slaughter are we come !

12 ¶ Then stood forth Caleb and said, Let every man take his bow in his hand : for it is far better that a few of us die, than that we, our wives, our children, our gold, and our silver, should fall a sacrifice unto the uncircumcised.

13 Remember how the Egyptians evilly intreated us : let us not forget the burthens which we have borne.

14 And the people cried out with one voice, We will die here : or we will slay the Egyptians.

15 Then Moses, Aaron, and the elders of Israel, sent Jasher unto Pharaoh, saying :

16 Behold, thus saith Moses, Aaron, and all the elders of Israel, On the morrow, by the break of day, we will restore unto thy people, if so be it shall be found that we have done wrong unto the people of Egypt, thy servants.

17 And Pharaoh said unto Jasher, Say thou unto Moses, unto Aaron, and unto the elders of the children of Israel, that, I, Pharaoh, will abide in this place, and all the host of the Egyptians.

18 But if on the morrow, Moses, Aaron, and the elders

A. M.
2513.

A. M. 2513. of Israel shall delay to perform the covenant they have this day made, then will I and all the host of Egypt follow after them, and slay them: none shall escape; no, not one.

19 And when Jasher had heard all that Pharaoh spake unto him: then returned he unto Moses, unto Aaron, and unto the elders of Israel, and he said unto them;

20 Thus saith Pharaoh, I, Pharaoh, will abide in this place, and all the host of the Egyptians.

21 But if on the morrow, Moses, Aaron, and the elders of Israel shall delay to perform the covenant they have this day made, then will I and all the host of Egypt follow after them, and slay them: none shall escape; no, not one.

22 And the people feared greatly; because they had spoiled the Egyptians.

23 ¶ Then Moses called unto the people, and said, Behold! there is left unto us but one way, whereby we may escape the anger of Pharaoh: and of those that are with him.

24 It is now midnight, and by the time of the cock-crow the Red Sea will be dried up: and peradventure we may cross over dry-shod into the wilderness.

25 And it shall come to pass, that if Pharaoh and his host shall assay to come after

us, the waters shall return and overwhelm them.

26 Then Moses commanded Aaron, saying, About the mid of night, ye shall pass through the Red Sea, you and the people who lie on the bank thereof: ye shall pass through, until all have passed through.

27 And after that, I and the people that shall remain with me will pass through the Red Sea.

28 And Pharaoh and the Egyptians shall not know of our departure, until the hindermost have entered the Red Sea.

29 And the people were between two walls.

30 And they said one unto another: It is better for us to be drowned in the Red Sea than to be slain by the Egyptians.

CHAP XI.

1 *The Israelites pass the Red Sea.*

6 *Pharaoh pursues them to the banks of the Red Sea.* 10 *Miriam and the virgins dance.* 16 *Pharaoh follows them into the Red Sea.*

19 *The sea returns and drowns the Egyptians.* 23 *Moses' song.*

1 AND it came to pass about the seventh hour of that night, in which the children of Israel were encamped on the Red Sea, that Aaron with the people began to pass through the waters.

2 And there went into the Red Sea of the children of Israel, six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and

A. M. 2513.

Heb. the fury.

A. M.
2513.

children: and few fell by the way.

3 And the sun and the moon saw all that was done.

4 And it came to pass on the morrow, that it was told unto Pharaoh, and unto those that were with him, saying:

5 Behold the children of Israel are fled: behold even now they cross the Red Sea.

6 And Pharaoh and his host pursued after them, by the way of Baal-zephon: even to the banks of the Red Sea did they pursue them.

7 And the Egyptians said one to another, We cannot go in after the Hebrews, because of our chariots and our horsemen: for the way is not prepared for them.

8 And moreover should we pass through the sea: peradventure the Israelites shall slay us in the wilderness.

9 And Israel escaped that day out of the hands of the Egyptians: and Israel saw the Egyptians stay on the banks of the sea.

10 ¶ And Miriam said in the presence of Moses, and of Aaron, and of all the elders of Israel:

11 Behold! the waters are as a wall between us and the Egyptians: so that they cannot come nigh unto us, to destroy us.

12 And Miriam said, Sound the trumpet: bring forth the timbrel, lead up the dance.

18

13 And Miriam, the sister of Moses, with the virgins her companions, danced before the elders of Israel: and they leaped for joy, and they rejoiced exceedingly.

14 ¶ And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

15 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,

16 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

17 ¶ And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thy hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

18 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

19 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

A. M.
2513.

A. M.
2513.

20 But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

21 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.

22 And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses.

23 ¶ Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

24 The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

25 The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name.

26 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

27 The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.

28 Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

29 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sendest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

30 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

31 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.

32 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

33 Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders.

34 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.

35 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

36 The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.

37 Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling, shall take hold upon them; all the

A. M.
2513.

A. M. inhabitants of Canaan shall
2513. melt away.

38 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O Lord, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.

39 Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in; in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

40 The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

41 For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots, and with his horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.]

CHAP XII.

1 *The Israelites go three days' journey from the Red Sea. 4 They faint for want of water. 8 Are relieved by the observation of Miriam. 22 She excites them to till the ground. 34 The place is called Elyma.*

1 **AND** it came to pass, after the children of Israel had rested for seven days, that Moses said unto the elders:

2 Let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, lest

we become an eye-sore unto the Egyptians.

3 And the children of Israel, even all the people, journeyed.

4 And it came to pass on the third day, on the evening thereof, that the people fainted for want of water.

5 And they cried unto Moses, and they said, Give us to drink, lest we die.

6 And Moses was vexed, because of the thirst of the children of Israel.

7 And Moses said unto Miriam, his sister, Lo! what shall I do, lest the people faint for want of water.

8 And Miriam said unto Moses, Go thou with me, and I will shew unto thee a well of water, which lieth eastward of the camp of the children of Israel: a spring which oozeth under the shadow of a tree.

9 And Moses went with his sister; and Aaron, and Jasher went also: and they came unto the tree.

10 And when Moses saw the oozing, he said unto Miriam, What is this to the people of Israel.

11 And Miriam said, Dig: and lo the oozing became as a rivulet.

12 And Moses, Aaron, and Jasher were astonished.

13 Then Miriam said, Follow the stream.

14 And they came unto a place, where there were twelve wells of water.

A. M.
2513.

A. M.
2513.

15 And the people sojourneyed there : and the elders of Israel said unto Miriam,

16 Behold ! thou hast refreshed the tribes of Jacob, when they fainted for want of water ; thou hast led us into the valley of the palm-trees.

17 Say now unto us, that which shall be pleasing unto thee ; and that will we do.

18 And Miriam said, Remember now the words of Pharaoh when he spake unto us, Why covet ye to take with you your flocks, and your cattle, for they cannot be sustained in the wilderness.

19 Nevertheless, O my brethren, unto this day have I sustained the male and the female of every flock, and of every herd, and of every fowl, which I brought out of the land of Goshen.

20 And this day do I deliver them unto the children of Israel, them, and their young ones, that they may increase and multiply, and be food for this people.

21 For behold ! the place that we are in is barren, and how long we shall dwell therein is not known unto man.

22 Up then, and let us till the ground : let us cultivate the land, that we perish not.

23 Let us bend the bow, let us slay the wild beasts of the field : peradventure it shall come to pass, that the earth shall bring forth of its increase,

and the beasts of the field shall become food for us, and for our children.

24 Then answered the elders of the children of Israel, and said :

25 All that Miriam hath spoken, that will we do.

26 Only how shall we be sustained, we, our wives, and our children, until the earth give of its increase.

27 And Miriam said, With the silver and gold ye brought out of Egypt, send and buy of the nations, on this side ^aJordan, oxen, and cattle, and corn, for you, and your children.

28 Moreover, as I journeyed on to the eastward, lo, I saw trees bearing fruit, and an herb of the field, of which I took, and did eat.

29 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that certain men of Israel arose, and went eastward, and found all things even as Miriam had spoken unto them.

30 And they brought of the fruit thereof, and the people did eat daily, and were satisfied.

31 And they sent chosen men into ^bRephidim, and they bought oxen and sheep, and corn and oil, and wine.

32 Then arose Caleb, with all those who shot with the bow, and they slew the beasts of the field, even the wild beasts thereof, according as Miriam had commanded them.

A. M.
2513.

^a Heb. the stream.

^b Heb. the valley.

A. M.

2524.

^a Heb. invigorated.

33 And the place thereof was called ^cElyma, because the people were there refreshed with water, and because Miriam had chosen it for the sojourning of the children of Israel.

34 And in process of time the children of Israel spread themselves from Elyma, even to Dopkah, unto the borders of the valley of Rephidim, and unto the land of Nebaioth.

35 And they dug ditches, and they planted trees, and they sowed corn.

36 But they built them no houses; under tents in the open fields did they dwell.

CHAP. XIII.

¹ Moses sends spies into Rephidim.

⁴ Sends Caleb to fight against Rephidim. ⁶ Miriam her proposal to Moses. ¹⁰ Joshua pushes the Amalekites out of the land.

2532.

1 **N**OW it came to pass, that Moses spake unto the elders of Israel, and he said, Behold, I have sent out spies into Rephidim, to search out the land.

^a Or, the lick.

2 And lo ^aAmalek dwelleth there, and the children of Amalek have built them houses in Rephidim; they have gotten also flocks, and much cattle and possessions.

3 Up, let us drive them out of the land, that we may inherit it: for to drive out, and to take possession of the lands

of the Gentiles are we come up out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

4 And Moses said unto Caleb, Go thou and ^bJoshua, with the chosen men of the bow, up unto Rephidim, and fight against Amalek.

5 Behold they are but as a handful of men; Israel shall swallow them up.

6 Then spake Miriam unto Moses, and said, Send messengers unto Amalek, peradventure, when he understandeth the intentions of the children of Israel, he will go quietly out of the land.

7 For it is now upwards of four hundred years since our fathers dwelt in Canaan: these people know us not, neither regard they the claim of us their children,

8 Say therefore unto the inhabitants of Rephidim: I will buy with a price all the flocks, the cattle, the herds, and possessions ye are possessed of.

9 That they may have silver and gold, to buy food and raiment in the lands wherein they shall be strangers.

10 And Moses sent Jasher unto Amalek, saying, Rephidim have I chosen for the habitation of the children of Israel; depart thou from thence, for to-morrow before the sun setteth will I possess it.

11 Only this thing will I do, if it shall come to pass, that you, and your people go

A. M.

2532.

^b Heb. the deliverer.

A. M.
2532.

quietly out of the valley: then will I buy with a price all the flocks, the cattle, the herds and possessions ye are possessed of.

12 And Amalek said unto Jasher, What meaneth Moses the stranger! Have I done any wrong unto the descendants of Jacob? Will they take from me that which is my own, the land of the Amalekites?

13 And Jasher returned unto Moses, and unto the elders of Israel: and told them all that Amalek had spoken.

14 And Moses called unto Joshua, and he commanded him, saying: Go out, fight against Amalek, smite them with the edge of the sword.

15 For they have rebelled against us; they have not in the least hearkened unto the words of Jacob.

16 ¶ And Caleb and Joshua, with chosen men of the host of Israel, went up against Rephidim; and they pushed the Amalekites out of that land.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Jethro brings Zipporah to Moses.*

4 *Who meets Jethro at mount Horeb.* 10 *Jethro advises Moses to appoint judges and rulers over the people, and 32 to give them laws and ordinances.*

1 **AND** it came to pass, when Jethro saw that Moses, his son-in-law, was be-

come a prince unto the Hebrews, that he had brought them up out of the land of Egypt into the wilderness, and that he had driven out the Amalekites, and possessed himself of their city, and all the country of Rephidim:

2 That he went out to meet Moses: and there went with him Zipporah and her two children whom Moses had sent back.

3 And Jethro came, and his daughter, and her two children: and they encamped at the foot of mount ¹Horeb.

4 And Moses departed from the wilderness of ²Zin: to meet his father-in-law at mount Horeb.

5 And Jethro said unto Moses, Behold I am thy father-in-law: this, my daughter Zipporah, thou knowest is thy wife, and these are thy two children: take them unto thy self, as thou hast covenanted with me.

6 And Moses and Jethro were friends.

7 ¶ And it came to pass, that Moses told Jethro all that he had done in Egypt: that he had led the children of Israel through the Red Sea, and had brought them into the wilderness.

8 And this I say unto you, Behold, lift up your eyes, for the number of the children of Jacob exceed the number of thy people: and their dwell-

A. M.
2533.¹Heb. drought.²Heb. ebony.

A. M. 2533. ings are from Elyma, even until thou comest into the valley of Rephidim.

9 And Jethro said, Thou hast spoken truly: thy people are a great people, and their number are without tale.

10 Now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of Jethro thy father: Write thou with a pen all those things which I shall now say unto thee.

11 For lo at this time thou judgeth the people daily: which thing is too heavy for thee, thou art not able to perform it alone.

12 Set over all Israel, rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, and rulers of fifties.

13 And let them judge the people at all seasons appointed to their charge: they shall judge of all the small matters; the great ones shall the people bring unto thee.

14 So shall the weight thereof sit easier on thy shoulders, and the people shall have thee and thy office in greater esteem.

15 For it will so fall out, that all those whom thou shalt make judges over the people, will hearken unto all things which thou shalt speak unto them.

16 And it shall come to pass, after thou hast done all this, that thou shalt teach them laws and ordinances, that thou mayest direct them in the way that thy people should walk, and in the duties that they must do.

24

17 Thou shalt say unto the children of Jacob, even before the elders thereof:

18 Ye shall set apart every seventh day, for a day of rest: ye shall not work therein, neither thou, nor thy wife, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle:

19 For on that day, ye shall rest from your labour: ye shall bring offerings of your cattle, your flocks, and your herds, and of your fowls.

20 And the priests shall slay them before the congregation: and the flesh thereof shall ye roast with fire, and the people shall eat thereof.

21 And on that day shall the priests rehearse in the ears of all Israel, all the wonders which ye have received from your forefathers: the mighty things which thou hast done in the land of Egypt: and all those laws and ordinances, thou shalt appoint unto this people to observe.

22 Thou shalt say unto the children of Israel:

23 Ye shall not use Tera-
phim, neither shall ye worship any one of the gods of the nations: the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, shall ye only worship.

24 Ye shall not speak evil of the maker of all things.

25 Ye shall reverence the hoary head.

26 Ye shall not smite any

A. M. 2533.

A. M. 2533. one man so that he die : he that does, shall die the death, and his name shall be forgotten.

27 Ye shall not evil speak of, nor slander any one of the children of Jacob.

28 Ye shall not covet that which appertaineth unto another.

29 Ye shall not do after the abominations of the Egyptians: your sons shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughters.

30 Ye shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman during her uncleanness.

31 Ye shall not uncover the nakedness of the virgin betrothed : neither shalt thou go in unto a woman who is the wife of another.

32 ¶ And Jethro said unto Moses : Moreover, thou shalt teach the children of Israel such other statutes and ordinances, which thou, and the judges thou shalt appoint, shall find needful.

33 And Jethro returned into Midian : and Moses departed for the valley of Rephidim.

CHAP. XV.

1 Moses attempts to appoint judges ; 4 is opposed by Miriam. 7 He is angry with her. 8 Miriam is imprisoned ; 9 on which the people rise and demand her. 11 She is set at liberty, and the people rejoice. 15 Miriam dies, and the people mourn. 16 Her character.

2534.

1 AND it came to pass, that Moses assembled the el-

25

ders and all the children of Israel together, high unto mount ^a Sinai.

2 And Moses said unto the people : Choose ye out from among you, seventy men, according to your tribes, that they may judge for you.

3 That there may be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, and rulers of fifties.

4 And Miriam arose and said, Shall Jethro instruct the Hebrews? Are the children of Jacob without understanding?

5 Are the customs of the Midianites to be brought in among us? Are we to forsake the good old paths in which our fathers, even Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, have trod.

6 And the voice of the tribes of the congregation were on the side of Miriam.

7 And the anger of Moses was greatly kindled against Miriam : and Moses sought to cut Miriam off from the congregation.

8 And Moses hid Miriam for seven days ; and the congregation wotted not what was come unto her.

9 And the people of Israel gathered themselves together unto Moses, and said :

10 Bring forth unto us Miriam, our counsellor, for according to all she hath spoken we will do.

11 Then Moses brought forth Miriam, and presented her before the congregation. E

A. M. 2534.

^a Heb. watchful.

A. M.
2534.

12 And when the people saw Miriam that she was well, they rejoiced greatly, with exceeding great joy.

13 And all the days of Miriam, the children of Israel did according to all the words of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob.

14 ¶ And Miriam went and dwelt in Kadesh.

2539.

15 And Miriam died there. And the children of Israel mourned for Miriam forty days: neither did any man go forth of his dwelling.

16 ¶ And the lamentation was great; for after Miriam arose up no one like unto her of the daughters of Jacob: no, not even unto this day.

17 And the fame thereof went out into all the lands of the Gentiles; yea, throughout all Canaan. And the nations feared greatly.

CHAP. XVI.

2 *Moses takes Jethro's advice. 5 He builds an altar. 6 Twelve young men chosen; 7 who slay the offerings. 11 Seventy elders chosen. 13 Moses and the seventy elders go up mount Sinai.*

2540.

1 **AND** it came to pass after the lamentation for Miriam was over, that Jethro came unto mount Sinai, and he spake unto Moses, saying:

2 Thus saith Jethro, the priest of Midian, Thou shalt appoint rulers of the people, according to all that which I

have spoken unto you at the foot of Horeb.

3 And Moses hearkened unto the words of Jethro, his father-in-law: and he obeyed his voice in all that he had commanded him.

4 ¶ And Moses said unto ^aNadab and ^bAbihu, the sons of Aaron: Go to now, and build ye an altar, even as Jethro hath dictated unto you.

5 And Nadab and Abihu builded an altar nigh unto mount Sinai, even as Jethro had dictated: and they set up twelve pillars, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel.

6 And Moses chose out from among the congregation, twelve young men; men of strength and renown.

7 And Moses commanded them, saying: Behold the people have brought oxen and sheep for a peace-offering, slay them before the altar, and roast the flesh thereof with fire, that the people may eat of the fat thereof, and be satisfied.

8 And the young men, the priests, did so: and the congregation did eat before Sinai, and the people were well pleased.

9 And Moses stood forth and said, The work is great, and the number of the children of Israel, the Lord, the God of our fathers, hath multiplied exceedingly: and he

A. M.
2540.

^aHeb. popular.
^bHeb. willed.

A. M. 2540. will increase them daily, even until their number shall be as the stars of the firmament.

10 It is meet therefore that ye choose out from among you, seventy elders, that they may assist me, and Aaron, and Joshua, and Nadab, and Abihu, the servants of the Lord.

11 And the congregation did as Moses had spoken.

12 ¶ And in those days it came to pass, that Moses spake unto Aaron, and unto ^c Hur, saying :

13 Stay ye with the people here, and judge them, for lo, I shall go up on the mount with Joshua, Nadab, and Abihu, and the elders; and we shall stay there forty days and forty nights.

14 ¶ And I, Jasher, the son of Caleb, bare the rod before Moses and Joshua, and the seventy elders of the people.

CHAP. xvii.

1 Jethro meets Moses on mount Sinai. 5 Jethro's counsel, concerning building the tabernacle. 9 Institution of the priesthood. 10 Aaron's family is chosen. 11 Holy vestments appointed. 12 The ark. 14 The people murmur. 21 Moses, his proposal. 22 Nadab and Abihu only dissent. 24 Moses descends from the mount. 28 The tribe of Levi made holy.

1 NOW it came to pass on the morrow, that Jethro met Moses, Joshua, Nadab,

Abihu, and the seventy elders, on the mount; and the trumpet sounded.

2 And Jethro said unto Moses, Thou hast done well: in that thou hast chosen out wise men to be counsellors unto thee.

3 And Jethro bowed himself before Moses, Joshua, Nadab, and Abihu, and before the seventy elders.

4 ¶ And on the second day, about the ninth hour thereof, the trumpet sounded, and Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, stood forth and said :

5 Behold, thus saith Jethro, the son of ^a Esau, the priest of Midian: It is meet, O Israel! that ye build a tabernacle for the God, the maker of heaven and of earth; even for the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, that ye may serve the Lord, who hath delivered ye out of the hands of the Egyptians, and from the dangers of the Red Sea.

6 Then Moses, Joshua, Nadab, and Abihu, and the seventy elders, answered Jethro, and said :

7 The Lord, our God, hath been merciful unto us: and the light of his countenance hath shone upon us.

8 Then Jethro instructed Moses in what manner, and in what form, and with what materials he should build the tabernacle of the Lord of Hosts.

A. M. 2543.

^a Heb. clothed in white.

^a Heb. the hairy

A. M.
2543.

9 And thus saith Jethro: When ye have builded the tabernacle, ye shall appoint priests to minister before the Lord: according to the tribes of the children of Israel, shall ye appoint.

10 And Moses, Joshua, Nadab, and Abihu, and the seventy elders, said: Let Aaron and his sons be set apart as sanctified unto the Lord.

11 Then said Jethro unto Moses, Thou shalt put upon Aaron and his sons, the garments which thou hast seen, that they may be a holy priesthood unto the Lord, the God of Israel.

12 Moreover, ye shall build an ark unto the Lord, wherein ye shall lay up before the Lord the testimony; even the writings of the laws and ordinances which ye shall receive.

13 And it came to pass, when the forty days were fulfilled, wherein Jethro communed with Moses, Joshua, and the seventy elders, that all the statutes and the ordinances to be observed, were written in a book of remembrance.

14 ¶ And it came to pass, whilst Moses, Joshua, Nadab, and Abihu, and the seventy elders, tarried in the mount, that the people murmured, and they said one among another,

15 Whether is it better, that we be the subjects of the Egyptians whom we know:

Up, let us return thither, we, our wives, and our children: or become the slaves, and walk after the laws and customs of Jethro, the Midianite, whom we know not?

16 And the people spake unto Aaron, saying: Moses, who, by his cunning, hath brought us up out of the land of Egypt, now seeketh to make himself a king and a ruler over us.

17 And Aaron answered the people, and he said: On the morning of the third day, ye shall assemble according to your tribes, and I will do all that which ye shall then speak unto me.

18 ¶ Then Aaron sent messengers unto Moses, Joshua, Nadab, and Abihu, and the seventy elders, on the mount, and they spake before them, saying:

19 Thus saith Aaron, thy brother, because ye tarry on the mount, the people murmur, and say, Whether is it better, that we be the subjects of the Egyptians whom we know: Up, let us return thither, we, our wives, and our children; or become the slaves, and walk after the laws and customs of Jethro, the Midianite, whom we know not?

20 And when Moses had heard these things he was exceeding wroth.

21 ¶ Then Moses, after he had sent away the messengers,

A. M.
2543.

A. M. 2543. spake unto Joshua, Nadab, and Abihu, and the seventy elders :

22 Behold, thus it behoveth us to say unto the people : We have seen the Lord in the mount, we have ate and drank in his presence, and the words which he hath spoken unto us, they are those which we now deliver unto you.

23 And the saying of Moses was pleasing unto Joshua, and unto the seventy elders : but unto Nadab and Abihu it was not pleasing.

24 And Nadab and Abihu were cut off from the assembly : and they hastened into the camp of the children of Israel, which lay at the foot of mount Sinai.

25 ¶ And it came to pass on the fortieth morning after Moses, Joshua, and the seventy elders had gone up on the mount, that the trumpet sounded : and Moses, Joshua, and the seventy elders, assayed to come down from the mount.

26 And as they descended, Joshua spake unto Moses, and said, Lo, Nadab and Abihu have joined themselves unto the people : and the voice of the people seemeth as the voice of rebellion.

27 And it was told unto Moses, and unto Joshua, saying, The voice of the people is the voice of shouting, and of great joy : lo, Aaron, Hur,

Nadab, and Abihu stand up before the people.

28 ¶ Then Moses called for Aaron, and he said unto him, The Lord hath chosen thee, and thy sons, to minister before the Lord, in the tabernacle which ye shall build.

29 Separate therefore yourselves, thou, and thy sons, even all the tribe of Levi, that ye may be a holy priesthood unto the Lord.

30 And Moses came down from the mount : he, and Joshua, and the seventy elders of the people.

CHAP. XVIII.

3 Nadab and Abihu rebel. 6 The Levites slay three thousand of the people. 8 The people repent. 12 They build a tabernacle, 18 and an altar. 19 Aaron and his sons are to be clothed.

1 AND it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses stood before the people, at the entrance into the camp, and he said :

2 Who is on the Lord's side ? Let him come forth of the camp.

3 And Aaron, and all the sons of the tribe of Levi, except Nadab and Abihu, came forth of the camp, and stood before Moses.

4 And Joshua said unto Moses : Lo, the people have spoken well of Nadab and Abihu ; and they have eaten, and they have drank, and be-

A. M. 2543.

A. M. 2543. hold, now they are risen up to play.

5 ¶ Then said Moses unto the sons of Levi, even unto all the tribe thereof: Gird on each man his sword, and go ye through the camp, and slay ye the froward, even every man his friend.

6 And they did so: and they slew Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, with three thousand of the people.

7 But Aaron held his peace.

8 ¶ And it came to pass, when the slaughter was over, that the children of Israel humbled themselves, and they said:

*Or, ruler.

9 All that the *Lord shall say unto us, that will we do.

10 And the people sent messengers unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Joshua, and unto the seventy elders, saying:

11 We have done wrong; we have sinned; intreat ye for us.

12 And Moses said, Thus saith the Lord, Ye shall build a tabernacle unto my name, wherein my honour shall dwell.

*Heb. according to the pattern of the Lord.
*Heb. the builder.

13 *Bezaliel and *Aholiab are endued with understanding, in all manner of workmanship, in cunning works, in works of gold, and in works of silver: lo, they shall build the tabernacle according to all that I shall say unto them.

14 And Bezaliel and Aholiab built the tabernacle for the congregation; with the offerings of the children of Israel, even of gold, of silver, of brass, and of fine linen.

15 ¶ This is my sanctuary: and I will dwell among my people from this day forth, for evermore.

16 ¶ And it came to pass, that Moses went into the tabernacle, in the sight of all the children of Israel.

17 And Moses came forth to the door of the tabernacle, and spake before the congregation, and said:

18 Thus saith the Lord, Ye shall build an altar before the door of the tabernacle: and ye shall offer thereon burnt-offerings, and lambs, and kids of a year old: and Aaron and his sons shall minister before me.

19 ¶ And thus shalt thou clothe Aaron: Thou shalt put upon Aaron, the coat, the ephod, the breast-plate, the mitre, and the crown.

20 And on his sons, even on all the males of the tribe of Levi, who are able to stand before the congregation, ye shall put on coats, girdles, and bonnets.

21 Thus shall ye consecrate Aaron and his sons: and they shall minister before me for ever.

A. M. 2543.

A. M.
2544.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Moses reads the law before the congregation. 17 They promise to observe the ordinances and statutes.*

1 **AND** it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses read before the congregation, out of the book of the covenant, the statutes and ordinances which the Lord had appointed unto the children of Israel to observe.

2 And Moses said, Thus saith the Lord, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob: I am the Lord, thy God, with my outstretched arm have I delivered ye from the bondage of the Egyptians; ye shall worship no other god beside me.

3 The likeness of the Lord, thy God, thou shalt not make, either in gold, in silver, in brass, or in wood: thou shalt not use Teraphim in thy dwellings, saith the Lord.

4 Sacred and holy shall my name be, in the mouths of this congregation: and in the mouths of your sons, and your sons' sons, throughout all generations.

5 Ye shall set apart every seventh day, for a day of rest: thou shalt not work therein, neither thou, thy wife, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor the

stranger that shall be within thy gate.

6 For on that day, thou shalt rest from thy labour; and on that day thou shalt bring offerings of thy cattle, of thy flocks, of thy herds, and of thy fowls.

7 And the priests shall slay them before the congregation: and the flesh thereof shall they roast with fire.

8 And on that day shall the priest rehearse in the ears of all Israel, all the wonders done in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea.

9 Thou shalt reverence the hoary head.

10 Thou shalt not smite any man, so that he die: if thou dost, thou shalt die the death, and thy name shall be forgotten.

11 Thou shalt not speak evil of, nor slander any of the children of Jacob.

12 Thou shalt not covet that which is the property of another.

13 Thou shalt not do after the abominations of the Egyptians: thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy sister, she is thy own flesh.

14 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman during her uncleanness.

15 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of the virgin betrothed: neither shalt thou go in unto a woman who is the wife of another.

A. M.
2544.

A. M.
2544.

16 ¶ And when Moses had made an end of speaking, all the people cried out with one voice:

17 All these things which the Lord hath commanded, will we observe to do: we, and our sons, and our sons' sons, for ever.

CHAP XX.

2 *The ark is built.* 5 *The mercy-seat.* 6 *The table.* 7 *The vessels.* 8 *The incense-altar.* 11 *The hangings.* 16 *Priests to be without blemish.*

2545.

1 AND Moses said, Behold, thus saith the Lord, Ye shall build an ark unto the Lord, and he shall put the ark into the tabernacle of the congregation: and he shall lay up therein the words of the testimony, which I have read this day in the ears of all Israel, for a perpetual memorial of the covenant which the Lord hath made with the posterity of Jacob.

2 ¶ And Bezaliel and Aholiab made the ark according to the pattern they had received of the Lord, on mount Sinai.

3 And the ark was of Shittim-wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and the height a cubit and a half.

4 And they made four rings of gold, two on each side, and they made two staves also:

that the priests might bear the ark of the testimony before the people.

5 Then made they the mercy-seat of pure gold, and the cherubims at each corner thereof: of pure gold did they make them.

6 The table of Shittim-wood made they, and they overlaid it with gold: and they cast four rings of gold, and they made staves to bear the table.

7 And the vessels of the table, the dishes, the spoons, the bowls, the covers, the candlesticks, the six branches thereof; and the seven lamps, the snuffers, and snuff-dishes, of beaten gold were they made.

8 The incense-altar of Shittim-wood was four-square, and the horns thereof of the same, overlaid with pure gold, with rings and with staves to bear it withal.

9 Of Shittim-wood also did they make the altar of the burnt-offering, and the horns thereof, and the staves thereof: and with brass did they overlay it.

10 The pots, the shovels, the basons, the fire-pans, the grates, the four rings, the laver, the twenty pillars with their sockets: all of brass did they make them.

11 And of fine linen were made the hangings of the tabernacle, and the hangings of the gate of the court were of

A. M.
2545.

A. M. 2545. blue, of scarlet, and of purple, wrought in needle-work, by the virgins of Israel: according to the pattern Moses had received of the Lord, on the mount.

12 For they brought unto Moses, day by day, all the work which they had done: and Moses looked on the same, that it might be done according to all that the Lord had commanded him.

13 ¶ And Moses said, Thus hath the Lord spoken, Thou shalt put the ark of the covenant, the table, the mercy-seat, with all the furniture thereof, into the tabernacle of the congregation.

14 Before the door of the tabernacle shalt thou build the altar, with the laver, and with the hangings thereof: and with oil shalt thou sanctify them.

15 Aaron, and his sons, shalt thou bring before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt wash them with water, and thou shalt anoint them with oil.

16 Only this thing shalt thou observe, All the males of the tribe of Levi, without blemish, shalt thou consecrate, saith the Lord: the eunuch, whether he be born so, or made so, shalt thou not consecrate.

17 And the burnt-offerings, and the sacrifices, and the offerings of kids, and of goats, and of sheep, and of oxen,

and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen, which the people offered, appertained unto the Levites, even as the Lord had commanded Moses.

18 ¶ Thus did Moses in the sight of all Israel: even according to the commandment of the Lord, did he.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Korah, his rebellion. 11 He and his company destroyed by fire. 13 The people fear greatly. 15 The priesthood established.

1 AND when Korah, ^a Dathan, ^b Abiram, and ^c On, with two hundred and fifty of the children of Israel, men famous in the congregation, and men of renown, saw all that was done,

2 They said one to the other: This thing which Moses and Aaron have done, is not of the Lord.

3 For behold, henceforward shall the tribe of Levi live on the fat of the land, they shall be clothed in soft raiment; they shall fare sumptuously every day; the plough and the axe shall they be strangers to: and lo! we, and our sons, and our sons' sons, shall they gall with the yoke that this day they have brought upon us.

4 And they gathered themselves together unto Moses, and they said unto him:

5 What thing is this that thou hast done? Are not all

A. M. 2545.

^aHeb. the rites.
^bHeb. the father of deceit.
^cHeb. iniquity.

A. M. the people holy? Wherefore
2545. hast thou separated the tribe of
Levi, to be sanctified unto the
Lord?

6 Hast thou not brought us
into the wilderness? Should
not all help to till the ground?
yea, the hands of the people
are not equal to the task: and
shalt thou take away every
tenth man from the labour.

7 And Moses said, To-
morrow shall the Lord answer
the blasphemies you now utter:
and shew who is holy, and
who is not holy.

8 ¶ And it came to pass
on the morrow, that Korah,
Dathan, and Abiram, with the
two hundred and fifty men of
the children of Israel, assembled
themselves together before the
door of the tabernacle of the
congregation.

9 And Moses spake unto
them, and said, Behold, O
Korah, Dathan, and Abiram,
thus saith the Lord, Ye fight
against me, even against the
God of your fathers, the God
of Abraham, the God of Isaac,
and the God of Jacob, who
hath brought you up out of the
land of Egypt, out of the house
of bondage.

10 And Moses said unto the
congregation: Separate your-
selves from Korah and his com-
pany, peradventure the Lord
will do a new thing.

11 And they did so: and
Korah and his company stood
before the tabernacle.

12 And Moses commanded
the Levites, saying: Up now,
slay Korah, Dathan, and Abi-
ram, with those that are with
them, with fire, even as the
Lord hath spoken unto me.

13 And Korah, Dathan, and
Abiram, with the two hundred
and fifty men of the children
of Israel, perished by fire be-
fore the door of the tabernacle
of the Lord.

14 And great fear fell on all
the congregation: and they
hastened every man to his tent.

15 ¶ Thus did Moses esta-
blish the priesthood in his bro-
ther's house, in the tribe of
Levi: and he committed unto
them, the keeping of the ta-
bernacle, of the ark, and of
the book of the testimony, ac-
cording to all that the Lord
had commanded him.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Israel enjoys peace.* 4 *They defile
themselves with the women of Mi-
dian and Moab.*

1 **AFTER** these days it came
to pass, that the people
obeyed the voice of the Lord,
by the mouth of his servant
Moses.

2 And there was peace
throughout all the tribes of
the children of Israel.

3 For no man opened his
mouth against Zipporah: nor
against the women of Midian,
her companions, nor against
those of Moab.

A. M.
2545.

2546.

A. M.
2546.

4 ¶ And in process of time, the women of Midian, and the women of Moab, became conversant with the sons of Israel.

5 During all the days of Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, and all the days of Zipporah, Moses' wife.

6 And the children of Israel defiled themselves with the women of Midian, and with the women of Moab: and they learned to walk after all their abominations.

CHAP. XXIII.

2 *Aaron reads out of the book of the covenant divers laws concerning trespasses, and their atonements. 18 The passover and feasts instituted; 23 Shelomite, his blasphemy. 26 He is stoned.*

2547.

1 **AND** it came to pass after many days, that Moses assembled the congregation of the children of Israel together; even all the tribes thereof, to the door of the tabernacle of the Lord.

2 And he brought forth the book of the covenant, and Aaron read it before the congregation, in the sight of all Israel.

3 And Aaron said, Thus saith the Lord, by his servant Moses: If any man bring an offering unto the Lord, he shall bring it voluntarily; it shall be a male without blemish, of his flock, of his cattle, and of the prime of his fowl.

4 He shall bring the male of his flock unto the priests, the sons of Aaron: and they shall slay it before the door of the tabernacle, and they shall cut it in pieces, and they shall lay it on the altar on the fire which they shall make; and they shall roast the flesh thereof, which is acceptable, and a sweet savour, as the Lord hath appointed.

5 And when any man shall bring a meal-offering unto the Lord, he shall offer of fine flour, unleavened, mixed with oil and frankincense; and the priests shall bake it on the altar, and they shall eat thereof; it is a thing done by fire, and is of a sweet savour.

6 And thou shalt bring an oblation of thy first fruits unto the Lord; and with all thy offerings, thou shalt offer salt.

7 The peace-offering, whether it be of the herd, of the flock, or of the field, it shall be the best; without blemish shalt thou bring it before the Lord.

8 If thou dost sin through ignorance, against any of the commandments of the Lord, thou shalt bring before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, a young bullock, or a kid, or a lamb, without blemish; and the priest shall kill the bullock, or the kid, or the lamb, and he shall roast them with fire, on the altar, without the gate of the camp,

A. M.
2547.

A. M. and thy sin shall be forgiven
2547. thee.

9 If thou shalt touch any unclean thing, whether it be of man, or of beast, thou shalt bring unto the priest, a lamb, or a kid of thy goats, or two turtle doves, or an ephah of fine flour: and he shall make an atonement for thee.

10 If thou shalt commit a trespass unwittingly, then shalt thou bring a ram, without blemish, with the estimation thereof, in shekels of silver; and when thou hast satisfied the trespass, thou shalt add the fifth part thereof, and thou shalt give it unto the priest, who shall make an atonement for thee, and thy trespass shall be forgiven.

11 If thou shalt trespass, wittingly, against thy neighbour, by taking that which is his, thou shalt restore it to the full estimation thereof; and thou shalt give him a fifth part more: and then thou shalt bring unto the priest, a ram, without blemish, with its value in shekels of silver; and the priest shall make an atonement for thee, and thou shalt be forgiven.

12 And the priests, the sons of Aaron, shall eat of the sin-offering, of the peace-offering, and of the trespass-offering; according to all which the Lord commanded Moses in mount Sinai.

13 ¶ Thus saith the Lord,

Aaron, or his sons, shall not drink wine nor strong drink, when they are to minister before the congregation, that they may discern between the clean and the unclean; and that they may teach the children of Israel my statutes.

14 Thus saith the Lord, When a woman hath borne a child, whether it be a male-child, or a maid-child, she shall be unclean thirty and three days; and she shall bring a lamb of the first year, or two turtle doves, or two young pigeons, and she shall bring them unto the priest, and he shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

15 ¶ Thus saith the Lord, When a man shall have in his flesh the plague of the leprosy, he shall be brought unto Aaron, or unto one of his sons, who shall look on him, and if he be unclean, he shall put him out of the camp, until he shall be healed of his sore; and then he shall bring unto the priest, two he-lambs, without blemish, and three tenth-deals of fine flour, mingled with oil, with one log of oil, and the priest shall wave them before the Lord, and shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

16 Thus saith the Lord, Whilst a woman is unclean in her flesh, she shall be put apart seven days, no man shall approach unto her during her

A. M.
2547.

A. M. 2547. uncleanness; and when she is cleansed of her issue, she shall take two turtle doves, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle; and he shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

17 ¶ And it shall come to pass, on the seventh month, in every year, when the congregation of the children of Israel hath sinned against the Lord, that every man shall bring an offering according to his estimation; and the priests shall wave every man's oblation before the Lord, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the priests shall make atonement for the sins of all the people of Israel, and they shall be forgiven their sins, which they have sinned against the Lord.

18 ¶ Moreover thus shall ye do, on the fourteenth day of the first month: at even shall be the feast of the passover unto the Lord.

19 And the next day shall be the feast of unleavened bread unto the Lord, for seven days.

20 And on the tenth, there shall be a day of atonement; wherein ye shall afflict your souls.

21 And on the fifteenth day shall be the feast of tabernacles; with boughs, and with branches of palm-trees, and with willows of the brook,

shall ye rejoice before the Lord, for seven days.

22 Thus did Moses establish the feasts of the Lord; even as he was commanded on mount Sinai.

23 ¶ Then came forth the son of Shelomith before the congregation, and spake unto Moses, at the door of the tabernacle, saying:

24 The Lord hath not spoken these things; peradventure they are imaginations of evil to this people.

25 And Moses commanded the Levites, saying, Lead him forth of the camp, and let the people stone him with stones, that he die, as the Lord hath spoken.

26 And they did so: and the people stoned him to death; because he had blasphemed before Moses, and because he had spoken evil in Israel.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Twelve spies sent into Canaan.*
10 *Ten bring an evil report.* 11 *Caleb and Joshua encourage the people.* 18 *The ten are stoned.*
20 *Jethro dies.* 22 *Zipporah dies.*
23 *Aaron dies.*

1 AND it came to pass, when the days of the sojourning of the children of Israel in the wilderness were multiplied, that Moses spake unto the elders, and unto all the congregation of Israel, saying:

A. M. 2547.

2548.

A. M. 2548. 2 Thus saith the Lord, Send chosen men to search out the land of Canaan, according to the number of the tribes, twelve men: men of wisdom, that ye may go in, and possess the land which I have given unto you.

3 And the men who were sent, were ^aShammua, ^bShaphat, Caleb, ^cIgal, Joshua, ^dPalti, ^eGaddiel, ^fGaddi, ^gAmiel, ^hSethur, ⁱNahbi, and ^kGeuel.

4 These are the names of the men whom Moses sent into Canaan, to spy out the land.

5 And Moses said unto them, Go into Canaan this way, and go up on yonder mountain; and from thence, see the land, and bring unto me, and the congregation of Israel, word, whether the people therein be strong or weak, or few or many.

6 Whether the land be a land flowing with milk and with honey: and what cities they have builded, their strong holds, their tents, and their houses, shall you note.

7 ¶ Then went forth the spies, and they did as Moses had commanded: and they brought with them of the fruit of the land, and they returned in forty days.

8 And the men who were sent, spake unto Moses, and Aaron, and unto the congregation, saying:

9 Surely the land of Canaan, whether ye sent us, is a land flowing with milk and with honey: and behold, this is the fruit thereof.

10 But as for the people, they be strong, and their cities be walled, and exceeding great:

¹Anak, and his sons, dwell there, with our enemies, the Amalekites, the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites.

11 And Caleb, even he who taught Israel to shoot with the bow, stood forth and said, Up, let us gird on the sword, and take the bow, peradventure we shall possess the land, for we are more mighty than the people of the nations; and the Lord is with us, and he will prosper us.

12 And Joshua said, Caleb hath spoken the truth.

13 Then said the other men who were sent with Caleb and Joshua unto Moses, and unto all the congregation, ten were they in number, We cannot stand before this people, for they are stronger, and in stature we appear unto them as dwarfs; the sons of Anak are giants: lo! we shall never be able to go in and possess the land.

14 And they sowed sedition among the people: and the children of Israel murmured, and said:

15 Wherefore hath Moses and Aaron brought us hither, that we, our wives, and our

A. M. 2548.

¹Heb. huge.

^aHeb. obeying.
^bHeb. the judicious.

^cHeb. the redeemed.

^dHeb. freed.

^eHeb. the expeditious.

^fHeb. girded.

^gHeb. God with me.

^hHeb. exploring

ⁱHeb. the reserved.

^kHeb. the celebrated.

A. M. children, fall by the sword of
2548. the Gentiles.

16 And they said as one man: Shammua shall be our captain, and we will return into the land of Egypt.

* Heb. regard-
ing.
* Heb. the steady

17 ¶ Then spake Caleb, the son of ^mJephunneh, and Joshua, the son of ⁿNun, These men, who went with us, have brought an evil report on the land: for the land is good, it floweth with milk and with honey: and the Lord, the God of our fathers, hath delivered the people thereof into our hand.

18 And Moses said, They have blasphemed; they have lied unto the Lord: and the Levites, and the congregation, stoned them with stones, before the door of the tabernacle.

19 Then dwelt Israel in peace, and listened unto the words of the Lord, which he spake by the mouth of Moses, his servant.

2550. 20 ¶ And it was told unto Moses, that Jethro, his father-in-law, was dead.

* Heb. pulled
down.

21 And ^eBalak, the king of Moab, was king of Midian: now Balak was not the son of Jethro.

22 And Zipporah, Jethro's daughter, the wife of Moses, died also: but the children of Israel mourned not.

* Heb. steep.

23 And Aaron went up into mount ^pHor, and died there, and was buried.

CHAP. XXV.

A. M.
2551.

1 Moses exhorteth the people to go into Canaan. 6 Balak opposeth the designs of Moses. 14 The Midianites, the Moabites, and the Amorites, are smitten, except the women; 18 with whom the Israelites defile themselves. 23 The Levites hang up the chiefs. 26 The women of Midian are slain, save the virgins. 30 Moses divideth the spoil. 40 The Reubenites desire to have their inheritance on this side Jordan. 47 It is granted on condition.

1 AND the trumpet sounded before Moses, and before ^aEleazer, the priest, and before the elders, at the door of the tabernacle: and all Israel assembled to hear the words of the Lord.

* Heb. the porch
of the Lord.

2 And Moses said, The days of the accomplishment of the promise, which the Lord hath made unto our fathers, that their seed shall inherit the land of Canaan, is at hand.

3 Arm therefore to the war, so many of you, according to your tribes: one thousand out of every tribe, shall ye number.

4 And Joshua, and Caleb, and ^bPhinehas, the priest, with the holy trumpets, shall go before you, and lead you into the land whereof the Lord hath said: Thy seed shall possess the land of Canaan, as I swear unto thy fathers; a land flowing with milk and honey.

* Heb. confiding

A. M.
2551.

5 The Amorites, the Moabites, the Midianites, the Jebusites, and all the nations of Canaan: they shall not stand before you, saith the Lord.

* Heb. incest.

6 ¶ Now it came to pass, that when Balak, the king of Moab, had heard all that had been spoken by Moses, that he assembled the princes of Moab and of Midian, with those of the Amorites, and he said unto them:

7 Behold! Moses, with the Hebrews who have followed him out of Egypt, draw nigh unto our land to dispossess us, and to drive us out from the heritage of our fathers.

* Heb. grave.

* Or, Mediterranean.

8 Now therefore send messengers unto ^d Balaam, the king of Mesopotamia, lest when they have destroyed us, they destroy him, and his people also.

9 And the messengers came unto Pethor, and spake unto Balaam: Lo! the Hebrews, who are come up out of Egypt, have set their faces against us, join thou with us, that neither we, nor thy servants, be slain.

10 Then Balaam assembled the princes of Mesopotamia together, and he said unto them: Lo! Balak, king of Moab and of Midian, hath sent unto us, that we fight with them against Moses and the Hebrews, who have now set their faces against the Midianites, the Moabites, and the Amorites, to dispossess and destroy them.

11 And the princes said, Why should we fight against Israel, seeing we dwell in the land between the two rivers?

12 And the messengers returned unto Balak: and Balak was disheartened.

13 ¶ Then went forth Joshua, Caleb, and Phinehas, the priest, with the holy instruments, and with the trumpets, and it was proclaimed, saying:

14 Smite the Midianites, even all the males thereof: but the females ye shall not touch.

15 And they did so: and there fell that day all the males of the children of Midian, of Moab, and of the nations.

16 Then returned Phinehas, Joshua, and Caleb, with all Israel, that went forth to the battle.

17 And they brought into the camp of Israel, all the wives of the Midianites, of the Moabites, and of the Amorites, with the virgins: even all the females.

18 And the elders, and all the children of Israel, defiled themselves with the women of Midian, with the women of Moab, and with the women of the nations.

19 And children of the women of Midian, Moab, and the nations, were born unto the elders of the people of Israel.

20 And the people did evil in the sight of the Lord.

A. M.
2551.

A. M. 2551. 21 ¶ Then Moses, with Eleazar, the priest, stood forth and said :

22 Ye have sinned, in that ye have saved the women of the nations when ye fought against them ; and the Lord delivered the people into your hands.

23 And Moses spake unto the Levites, and said, Thus saith the Lord : Take the heads of those who have sinned, and hang them up before the door of the tabernacle of the Lord, in the sight of all the congregation.

24 And they hung them up in the sun, in the sight of all Israel.

25 And there fell of the people, twenty and four thousand, and then the slaughter ceased.

2552. 26 Then Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and said, Thus saith the Lord : ye shall slay all the women of the nations with whom ye have defiled yourselves, and the males born unto them ; you shall save for yourselves only the virgin who hath not lain with man.

27 And the children of Israel did according to all that they were commanded.

28 And the number of the women-children, virgins, were thirty and two thousand, who knew not man.

29 ¶ And it came to pass, after these things, that Moses

said, Bring forth the spoil of the Moabites, the Midianites, and of the nations.

30 For thus saith the Lord, The prey shall ye divide ; the one half thereof shall be for those who took the war upon them, and the other half shall ye give unto the congregation of the Lord.

31 Now the half that pertained unto the men, even unto those of each tribe who came from the war, were of sheep, three hundred and seven and thirty thousand and five hundred : of beeves, thirty and six thousand : of asses, thirty thousand and five hundred : and of virgins, sixteen thousand.

32 But of these, the tribute unto the Lord, were of the sheep, six hundred and seventy and five : of the beeves, seventy and two : of the asses, sixty and one : and of the virgins, thirty and two.

33 And Moses delivered the tribute unto Eleazar, the priest, as an offering unto the Lord.

34 And Moses gave unto the congregation their portion : of the sheep, three hundred and seven and thirty thousand : of beeves, thirty and six thousand : of asses, thirty thousand and five hundred : and of virgins, sixteen thousand.

35 But of these the tribute unto the Lord, were of the sheep, six hundred and seventy and five : of the beeves, seventy

A. M. 2552.

A. M. 2552. and two: of the asses, sixty and one: and of the virgins, thirty and two.

36 And Moses delivered the tribute unto Eleazar, the priest, as an offering unto the Lord.

37 So the Lord's portion of the spoil delivered unto the Levites, were of the sheep, one thousand three hundred and fifty: of the beeves, one hundred and forty and two: of the asses, one hundred twenty and two: and of virgins, sixty and four: besides their part as one of the tribes of Israel.

38 But of the gold, and of the silver, and of the jewels, and of the chains, and of the bracelets, and of the ear-rings, which the men of war had taken, brought they unto Moses, and unto Eleazar: and Eleazar offered them up as an oblation unto the Lord.

39 And the sum thereof, was sixteen thousand and seven hundred and fifty shekels.

40 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that the children of the tribe of Gad, and of the tribe of Reuben, drew near unto Moses, and unto Eleazar, the priest, and unto the elders of Israel, and said:

41 Behold our inheritance is fallen unto us on this side Jordan.

42 And we, our wives, our children, and the virgins, the Lord hath given us, are many in number, and our cattle are a great multitude.

43 ^aAtaroth, ^bDibon, ^cJazer, with all the cites and villages on this side Jordan, in the land of Gilead, permit us to possess, that we may build sheep-folds for our cattle, and dwellings for our wives, and for our children.

44 And Moses said unto the rulers of the tribes of Reuben, and of Gad, Surely, to excuse yourselves from the war, from driving out the Canaanites, do ye ask of me this thing!

45 And they answered Moses and said, We, ourselves, will go armed unto the war, and we will pass over Jordan: neither will we return again unto our wives, and our children, until Israel hath possessed the land of Canaan.

46 And Moses said, Be it unto you even as you have said:

47 Only observe you this thing, that ye be ready to pass over Jordan armed before the Lord, and before Joshua, his servant, until he hath driven out your enemies: then shall ye return, and ye shall be guiltless before the Lord.

48 But if ye turn your backs on the covenant ye have this day made, behold the sin, which ye shall sin before the Lord, will avenge you.

49 And they said unto Moses: We, thy servants, will do as thou, our lord, hast commanded.

50 And they departed.

A. M. 2552.

^a Heb. the horn of plenty.
^b Heb. intelligent.
^c Heb. helping.

^a Heb. water of judgment.

A. M.
2553.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Joshua is appointed to succeed Moses. 2 Moses' charge to Joshua. 15 Moses blesses the tribes of Israel. 27 Takes the rod from Jasher. 29 He goes up Pisgah. 30 Views the promised land. 32 Moses dies.

1 AND the Lord said unto Moses, Call Joshua, the son of Nun, unto you, before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give unto him a charge; for behold the days draw nigh wherein thou shalt die.

2 And Moses did as the Lord commanded, and Moses said unto Joshua in the sight of all Israel, Thus saith the Lord, Be strong, and of great courage, for thee have I chosen to lead my people into the land of which I swore unto them, that they should possess it; and I will be with thee.

3 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, and said, Write now a song, even the song I shall teach thee, that the children of Israel may learn the words thereof; that they may not hereafter forsake my laws, nor disregard the statutes which they have received.

4 And Moses spake before the congregation all the words of the song, until they were ended.

5 And Moses spake unto Joshua, and unto Eleazar, the priest, saying, Lay up before

the Lord, in the ark of the covenant, the words which this day I have taught the children of Israel, that your sons, and your sons' sons, and your daughters, may learn them.

6 And Moses, and the children of Israel, sojourned in the plains of Moab, by Jordan, over against Jericho.

7 ¶ And Moses assembled together Joshua, and all the children of Israel, and he said unto them:

8 Behold the days draw nigh wherein I shall be gathered unto my fathers.

9 And thus saith the Lord, When ye shall pass over Jordan into the land of Canaan, that ye shall drive out the inhabitants: and ye shall divide by lot, their land among your families: according to the number of each tribe, shall ye divide it.

10 Ye shall surely drive out the inhabitants, none shall remain, lest Israel be corrupted through their abominations, and they be as thorns in your sides.

11 And these are the men who shall divide the land: even Eleazar, the priest, and Joshua, the son of Nun.

12 And of the princes of the people, Caleb, ^aShemuel, ^bElidad, ^cBukki, ^dHanniel, ^eKemuel, ^fElizaphan, ^gPaltiel, ^hAhihud, and ⁱPedahel.

13 And thus saith the Lord, Command the children of Is-

A. M.
2553.

^aHeb. established.

^bHeb. beloved of the Lord.

^cHeb. dispersed
^dHeb. grace of God.

^eHeb. the raised of God.
^fHeb. the inspector.

^gHeb. liberty.
^hHeb. brother of praise.

ⁱHeb. popular.

A. M. 2553. rael, that they give unto the Levites, forty and eight cities, for them to dwell therein.

14 And the suburbs thereof shall measure two thousand cubits on the north, on the south, on the east, and on the west, of every city: and every city shall be in the midst thereof.

15 ¶ Then Moses blessed the tribes of Israel, and he said:

16 O that Reuben may live, and become a great people!

^{* Heb. thanks-giving.}

17 That ^{* Judah} may be sufficient, that his enemies do not spoil him.

18 Of Levi, he shall possess Urim and Thummim; the Lord shall smite through the loins of them that rise up against him: for they shall teach Jacob the statutes of the Lord, and they shall offer burnt-offerings and incense before the Lord, for ever.

^{1 Heb. dexterous}

19 ^{1 Benjamin} shall be the beloved of the Lord: under the shadow of the Almighty shall be his safety.

20 Joseph shall receive of the precious things of the firmament, he shall eat of the fat of the land, and shall be satisfied: his glory shall be the strength as of a unicorn; he shall push the people together unto the ends of the earth.

^{* Heb. inhabiting.}
^{* Heb. commerce}

21 ^{m Zebulun} and ^{n Issachar} shall rejoice: they shall suck

of the plenty of the seas, and of the hidden things of the sand. A. M. 2553.

22 ^{o Gad} shall dwell as a lion: he shall judge among the people, and the people shall bless him. ^{* Heb. a host.}

23 Dan shall thrive as a lion's whelp: his habitation shall be from Bashan.

24 ^{p Naphtali} shall be highly favoured; and shall be filled with the blessings of the Lord. ^{* Heb. wrestled.}

25 ^{q Ashur} shall be blessed with his children: his foot shall he dip in oil, his shoes shall be iron and brass, and as his days, so shall his strength be. ^{* Heb. subtle.}

26 ^{r Simeon} shall be many for number: and his bread shall be fatness. ^{* Heb. hearing.}

27 ¶ And Moses called for Eleazar, the priest, and he said unto him: Take now from Jasher, the rod, and do thou lay it up before the Lord in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the side of the mercy-seat shall it be laid up.

28 And I, Jasher, the son of Caleb, delivered unto Eleazar, the priest, the rod: and Eleazar put it up in the tabernacle, on the side of the mercy-seat before the ark: and it remaineth there even unto this day.

29 ¶ And when Moses had made an end of blessing the children of Israel, he went up out of the plains of Moab, unto mount ^{s Nebo}, even unto the top of ^{t Pisgah}.

^{* Heb. fruitful.}
^{* Heb. lofty.}

A. M. 2553. 30 And from thence he saw all the land of ^u Gilead, even unto Dan and ^x Manasseh, and the land of Judah, even unto the sea, the plain of the valley of ^y Jericho, and the city of the palm-trees, even unto Zoar.

^u Heb. testifying.
^x Heb. forgetting
^y Heb. moon-shine.

31 And he said, Now behold I with my eyes the land, concerning which the Lord swore unto Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed.

32 And Moses died in the land of Moab.

33 And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died.

34 And the children of Israel wept for Moses thirty days.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Joshua exhorts the people to pass over Jordan. 8 He sends messengers to Rahab, a princess of Jericho. 14 Rahab, her advice to the king of Jericho. 19 It is rejected.

2554.

1 NOW it came to pass, after the days of weeping for Moses were ended, on the morrow thereof, that Joshua assembled Eleazar, the priest, and all the elders of the people, with the captains over thousands, over hundreds, over fifties, and over twenties, before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

2 And Joshua said, Moses, the servant of the Lord, said

45

unto me: When I am gathered unto my fathers, then shalt thou lead the people over Jordan into the land of Canaan: and the Lord will be with thee, and will fight for thee.

3 Prepare therefore for your journey; arm yourselves for the battle: for lo! the trumpet shall sound on the third day, and the ark of the Lord shall go over Jordan before the people.

4 ¶ Then spake unto Joshua the chief of the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh, We remember the covenant we made with Moses, the servant of the Lord; we will go over Jordan armed, and we will not return until our brethren have found rest.

5 And all the elders with one voice cried out and said, All things wherein we obeyed Moses, the servant of the Lord, and listened unto his voice, will we now do.

6 And whosoever shall turn his back on whatsoever thou commandest, he shall surely die.

7 ¶ And it came to pass on the third day, on the morning thereof, that Joshua rose up early, and the trumpet sounded, and the people gathered themselves together, and they removed from ^a Shittim, and they came unto Jordan, and they pitched there.

^a Heb. lodged.

8 And Joshua sent messengers unto ^b Rahab, one of ^c the daughters of ^d the king of Canaan.

^b Heb. generous.

A. M. 2554.

A. M.
2554.

the princesses of Jericho, saying :

9 Behold, on the morrow we shall pass over Jordan, and the Lord will deliver Jericho into our hands.

10 And Rahab said unto those who were sent, Speak unto Joshua and say: The Lord, the God of Jacob, prosper you, inasmuch as I also am the daughter of an Israelite, by a woman of Midian.

11 And it was told unto the king of Jericho all the words which Rahab had spoken.

12 Then the king of Jericho assembled together all his princes and his nobles, and Rahab was there also, for she was a woman renowned for wisdom.

13 And the king said unto Rahab, How is this that you confederate with the avowed enemy of the nations?

14 And Rahab answered, and said, Let not the king be angry, and thy servant will speak :

15 Behold thus saith Rahab, I was born among the Israelites, and they are as the locusts for number, and the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whom thou knowest not, he fighteth for them, even for Joshua, for Caleb, and for all Israel.

16 And this, O king, thou knowest, that Moses, with a few chosen men, smote all the

people of Midian, all the people of Moab, all the Jebusites, all the Hittites, all the Hivites, and all the Amorites on the other side Jordan, with the edge of the sword, save only the females, from whom Israel do and will hereafter multiply exceedingly ;

17 And hath given their land unto the tribe of Reuben, unto the tribe of Gad, and unto the half-tribe of Manasseh.

18 Send messengers therefore unto Joshua, and say, Thus saith Jericho, Spare us, we beseech thee, you shall go quietly through our lands, you, your wives, your children, your flocks, and your herds, and ye shall eat of our bread, and drink of our vintage.

19 Peradventure the wrath of Joshua will be turned away from destroying thee, and thy people.

20 And the king of Jericho said, It is the counsel of an harlot ; and Rahab was shut up in her own house, and spies were set, that they might watch her.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *The ark passeth over Jordan. 8 All Israel pass over Jordan in six days. 15 Rahab sends messengers to Joshua. 17 She dwells in Israel. 18 Jericho is taken. 20 Achan, his rebellion.*

1 **AND** it came to pass on the morrow, that Joshua spake unto Eleazar, the priest,

A. M.
2554.

^c Or, whom thou dost not worship.

A. M. and unto the Levites, saying,
2554.

2 Let the ark of the covenant of the Lord be borne before the people by the priests, as they pass over Jordan.

3 Only this I command, that the tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, shall pass over armed first; even as Moses hath commanded.

4 Moreover, no one shall come nigh unto the ark: fifty cubits shall the children of Israel, except the priests, leave between them and the ark.

5 And the trumpet sounded, and the tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, even all the males thereof, from sixteen years of age, and upwards, passed over Jordan, armed.

6 Then followed the ark of the covenant of the Lord, borne by the priests, and they passed over in the midst thereof.

7 And there followed the tribe of Benjamin, even all the armed men thereof, their wives, their children, their flocks, and their herds.

8 And in six days the whole congregation of the children of Israel passed over Jordan, they, their wives, their children, their cattle, even all their possessions.

9 And they encamped on the west of Jordan, in the plains of Jericho.

10 And the wood whereon the children of Israel passed over Jordan, stayed upon the face of the waters six days and six nights.

11 And when the people of Jericho, and the kings of the land of Canaan, had heard that Joshua, and all the children of Israel, had passed over Jordan, and were encamped in the plains of Jericho, great fear fell upon them.

12 ¶ Now after the people had rested seven days, Joshua commanded the captains of thousands, the captains of hundreds, and the captains of fifties, saying:

13 Prepare ye for the war, that we go up and smite Jericho, and the king thereof, and all the inhabitants, with the edge of the sword.

14 And there came forth of all Israel, forty thousand men armed for the battle: and Joshua was magnified in the sight of the Amorites, in the sight of the Canaanites, and in the sight of all the nations.

15 Then Rahab sent unto Joshua, saying: Let me intreat with thee for my nation, that they may live.

16 And Joshua answered, and said, As many as save themselves by flight, may live: but whosoever shall be found in Jericho, shall surely die the death.

17 Then came Rahab, with her kindred, and with all her

A. M.
2554.

A. M. household, unto Joshua ; and she
2554. dwelleth with the children of
Israel unto this day.

18 And the people of Jericho fled from the city, every one to the mountains.

19 And Joshua took the gold and the silver, even all the spoil of Jericho; and he brought it into the treasury of the Lord, and it was holy.

^aHeb. wine-bibber.

20 ¶ And ^aAchan spake aloud, and said, Wherefore hath Joshua taken from the congregation, all the gold, all the silver, and all the brass; even all the spoil of the city of Jericho, and given it to the tribe of Levi.

21 Moses, the servant of the Lord, when we slew the Midianites, the Moabites, and the people of the nations, on the other side Jordan, gave the half of the spoil unto the armed men, who went forth to the battle, and the other half he gave unto the congregation, according to their tribes.

22 And the sayings of Achan were told unto Joshua, and Joshua said to the Levites:

23 Bring forth Achan, and let him be stoned, for he hath blasphemed.

^bHeb. tumult.

24 And they stoned Achan in the valley of ^bAchor, in the presence of Joshua, and of the elders, until he was dead.

25 And thus did Joshua punish the rebellion of Achan, even as the Lord had commanded.

CHAP. XXIX.

A. M.
2555.

1 Joshua goeth up to Ai. 5 Five thousand Israelites lie in ambush. 11 Ai is taken. 13 The king of Ai hanged. 17 The Gibeonites become the servants of Joshua.

1 AND it came to pass on the morrow, that Joshua arose, with the men of war, even thirty thousand men of valour.

2 And Joshua said, Go up against ^aAi, and smite the inhabitants thereof with the edge of the sword: let none escape alive.

^aHeb. woe.

3 And they went forth, and they abode between ^bBethel and Ai: and Joshua lodged among the people that night.

^bHeb. the house of God.

4 And Joshua arose up early, he, and the elders, and they went up to Ai.

5 And Joshua took about five thousand men, and he commanded them to lie in ambush on the west side of Ai.

6 And when the captains had set the people, even all the host of Israel, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

7 And when the king of Ai saw all that was done, but he knew not of the men who lay in ambush, he sent messengers unto Joshua, saying:

8 On the morrow, about noon, I, and the men that are with me, will give you, and thy people, battle in the plain.

A. M.
2555.

9 Then said Joshua unto the captains, and unto the people: Behold, when the king of Ai, and his people, come forth to the battle, seem ye as if ye fled before them for fear: and flee ye by the way of the wilderness.

10 So shall it come to pass, that the men of Ai shall come forth of their city, and when the trumpet shall sound, then shall ye turn upon the men of Ai, and destroy them. And they did so.

11 And those five thousand men who lay in ambush, arose and entered Ai, and took it, and all the spoil thereof.

12 And when the men of Ai saw all that was done, and that they had no power to flee this way or that way, they were sore troubled.

13 And Joshua, and the people, smote the men of Ai, and chased them in the field, and pursued them into the wilderness, until there remained none of them, save the king of Ai, whom Joshua hanged on a tree.

14 And Joshua went up to Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword, all the men, the women, and all the children thereof, save the virgin who knew not man.

15 Then Joshua took all their cattle, and the spoil of their city, as a prey for Israel, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

49

16 ¶ Now it came to pass, after Joshua had smote Jericho and Ai, two great cities of Canaan, that great fear fell upon the Gibeonites.

17 And they sent messengers unto Joshua to Gilgal, saying: We are thy servants; whatsoever thou shalt command us, that will we do. * Heb. round.

18 Only this we pray thee, do not unto us as thou hast done unto the men of Jericho, and unto the men of Ai.

19 Then said Joshua unto the messengers, This shall ye do, ye shall live, and ye shall fight for us, and we will fight for you: so shall it come to pass, that ye shall live quietly in the land.

20 ¶ And the Gibeonites dwelt in Gibeon, which is a great city, and a royal city, and much greater than Ai: and the men thereof, were more mighty. * Heb. my town.

CHAP. XXX.

1 Five kings war against Gibeon. 5 Joshua fighteth for Gibeon; 9 and overcometh the five kings; 14 and afterwards destroyeth their cities. 18 Other kings war against Joshua. 25 Joshua putteth them to flight.

1 NOW when all the kings which dwell on this side Jordan, and on the coasts of the great sea, with Adonizedek, king of Jerusalem, had heard all the mighty works which Joshua had done, and

A. M.
2556.

2557.

* Heb. the just lord.

A. M. that the men of Gibeon had
2557. made a league with him, that
they were moved.

^b Heb. woe to
them.

^c Heb. fierce.

^d Heb. haugh-
tiness.

^e Heb. resplen-
dent.

^f Heb. walk-
ing place.

^g Heb. oracle.

^h Heb. rotund.

2 Wherefore Adonizedek
sent unto ^bHoham, king of He-
bron, and unto ^cPiram, king of
^dJarmuth, and unto ^eJaphia,
king of Lachish, and unto ^fDe-
bir, king of ^gEglon, saying,

3 Come up unto me, that
we, and the kings which dwell
on this side Jordan, and the
kings of the sea-coast, may
fight against Gibeon, and de-
stroy it, because the men
thereof have made peace with
Joshua, and with all Israel.

4 Therefore the five kings
of the Amorites, the king of
Jerusalem, the king of He-
bron, the king of Jarmuth,
the king of Lachish, and the
king of Eglon, gathered them-
selves together, and went up,
they, and all their hosts: and
they encamped before Gibe-
on, and they made war against
it.

5 ¶ Now Joshua was at this
time at Gilgal, with all the
armed men of Israel.

6 And the men of Gibeon
sent unto Joshua, saying,
Because we are thy servants,
behold all the nations on this
side Jordan have waged war
against us.

7 Come up therefore quick-
ly unto us, and help us, and
save us, thy servants, that we
perish not.

8 And Joshua hasted from
Gilgal, with all the men of

war, and the mighty men of
valour.

9 And he came suddenly
upon them before the break of
day, and he discomfited them,
and they fled: and he slew
them with a great slaughter
before Gibeon, and he chased
them along the way that goeth
up to ⁱBeth-horon, and he smote
them even unto ^kAzekah, and
unto ^lMakkedah.

10 And Joshua pursued
them with great slaughter un-
til the evening.

11 And Joshua said, Sun,
be thou silent upon Gibeon:
and thou, moon, shine thou on
the valley of ^mAjalon.

12 And Joshua returned;
and all the men of war with
him, to Gilgal.

13 And the Gibeonites re-
turned to their city: and they
rejoiced greatly.

14 ¶ And it came to pass,
after Joshua, and the men of
Israel, had rested themselves at
Gilgal, that he sent chosen men
up against Makkedah, against
Lachish, against Debir, against
Jarmuth, against ⁿLibnah, and
against ^oGezer.

15 And they fought against
them, and they took them,
even all the cities; and he did
unto them, even as he had done
unto Jericho, and unto Ai: and
he slew the kings thereof, and
all the inhabitants thereof, with
the edge of the sword: even
all the men, the women, and
the children, save the virgin

A. M.
2557.

ⁱ Heb. house of
the sun.

^k Heb. walled.

^l Heb. burnt.

^m Heb. strong
as an oak.

ⁿ Heb. bright
as the moon.

^o Heb. cut off.

A. M. 2557. who knew not man, by lying with him.

16 And the fame thereof went out throughout all the land of Canaan, and the kings of the mountains, and the kings of the valleys, and the kings of the sea-shore, assembled themselves together, and said,

17 Surely as dead men are we before Joshua, and before the men of Israel.

² Heb. knowing
³ Heb. the granary.
⁴ Heb. howling.
⁵ Heb. reproof.

18 And ¹Jabin, king of ²Hazor, said unto ³Jobab, king of ⁴Madon, and unto the kings of the sea-shore: Up, let us gather together our hosts, our armies, and our chariots, and let us assemble together at the waters of ⁵Merom, and fight against Israel, and destroy them, lest they slay us, our wives, and our sons, and take from us our daughters, and our heritages.

⁶ Heb. high-minded.

19 And the words of Jabin were acceptable unto all who heard them.

20 And they gathered themselves together at the waters of Merom, and they were much people; even as the sand upon the sea-shore for multitude: and they defied the armies of Israel.

21 And Jabin stood forth and said, Know ye this, if it should come to pass, that the Israelites prevail this day, then shall all the nations be slain: or we, and our sons, shall become the vassals and slaves of the Hebrews.

22 For this cause came they out of Egypt, to slay, and dispossess, according to all that the lawgiver, even Moses, hath commanded them.

23 To take from us our cities, our lands, our vineyards, our cattle, our gold, our silver, our brass, and also our pure virgins.

24 And lo! now Joshua, and the people of war that are with him, come forth to the battle.

25 And Joshua, with forty and two thousand men, with the men of Gibeon, came suddenly upon them, and slew them, and chased them to Zidon, and he smote them until there were none remaining.

26 And Joshua burnt Hazor, because of Jabin, the king thereof; for he it was who led the nations to battle.

27 And all the rest of the cities saved Joshua, but the spoil thereof reserved he as a prey for the children of Israel.

28 Then Joshua wared against the Anakims; and he left none of them, save in ¹Gaza, in ²Gath, and ³Ashdod.

⁴ Heb. strong as a goat.
⁵ Heb. rest.
⁶ Heb. fire of the beloved.

29 And the land rested from war.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 Joshua is stricken in years. 4 He divides Canaan. 12 The borders of the several tribes 24 Israel enjoys peace and plenty.

1 AND it came to pass after many days, that Joshua spake unto Eleazar, the

A. M. 2557.

2559.

A. M. priest, unto Caleb, and unto
2559. all the elders, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, saying:

2 Behold I am grown old, and am stricken in years: and peradventure the days draw nigh wherein I shall be gathered unto my fathers.

3 And all that Moses, the servant of the Lord, hath said unto me, that hath the Lord done by me.

4 Unto the tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, did Moses, whilst he was yet with us, give all the land on the west of Jordan, the land of the Amorites, the land of Moab, the land of Midian, all Bashan, and half of Gilead; even all the nations which the Lord delivered into his hands.

5 And at that time, Moses spake unto me and said, When ye shall pass over Jordan, and the Lord shall deliver into your hands all the land of Canaan, to possess it, that ye shall divide the land by lot unto the nine tribes, and unto the half-tribe of Manasseh.

6 And Caleb stood forth, and said unto Joshua: Lo! Caleb, thy servant, is now fourscore and nine years old.

7 And these fifty and eight years have I gone forth to the battle, with the bow, with the spear, and with the javelin.

8 The tribe of Judah is a great tribe, and Moses, the ser-

vant of the Lord, hath said, when he sent me to spy out the land, Surely the land on which thy feet have trodden, shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's, for ever.

9 And behold I am as strong this day as I was on that day in which Moses sent me: as was my strength then, so is it now for war, both to go out, and to come in.

10 And behold, though the Anakims dwell in the land, give it unto me, that I may possess it: then shall I be able to drive them out.

11 And Joshua said, Be it unto you, even as thou hast said: and he blessed him.

12 ¶ So the border of the lot of Judah encompassed the salt sea at the end of Jordan, and fetched a compass by Kadesh Barnea: even by Karkaa, unto Hazor, even unto the river of Egypt.

13 And from Gaza, even to Ashdod, were its borders on the great sea.

14 And from Ashdod it fetched a compass: and its borders went out by Gath, even unto Makkedah.

15 And from thence the border went out by Bethshemosh, unto the south side of the Jebusite, even unto Debir, did it go.

16 This is the coast of the children of the tribe of Judah round about, according to their lot.

A. M.
2559.

A. M.
2559.

17 ¶ Then spake Joshua and said, The lot of the children of Joseph shall be from Jordan by Jericho, to Bethel, and Luz, and Ataroth, and Gezer, and all the cities, and plains, and the lands thereof.

18 But the elders of the tribe of Joseph, said unto Joshua, Give, we pray thee, the land thou hast allotted for us unto ^a Ephraim: for we be many.

^a Heb. fruitful.

19 Let us go up to the wood-country, and cut down the trees thereof, that we may drive out the Perizzites, that we may have cities and houses to dwell in, and lands whereon to feed our flocks and our herds.

20 And Joshua said, Go, and do as ye have spoken: and he blessed them.

21 ¶ And Joshua divided all the land of Canaan, to every tribe, according to its number, even as Moses had commanded him.

22 Only to the tribe of Levi did he give no inheritance: for the priesthood is their portion, save the forty and eight cities for them to dwell in.

23 Joshua appointed also cities of refuge for the slayer, throughout all the tribes of Israel.

24 And the children of Israel had peace: and they were filled with plenty, with riches, and with virgins.

CHAP. XXXII.

A. M.
2560.

1 *Circumcision renewed.* 13 *Joshua dismisses the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh.* 18 *They return, and repass Jordan.*

1 NOW it came to pass in those days, that Joshua assembled together Eleazar, the priest, the Levites, and all the congregation at Shiloh, and he set up the tabernacle of the Lord there.

2 And Joshua stood before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and he spake in the presence of all Israel, and he said,

3 Now behold the Lord hath given you rest in the land concerning which he swore unto your fathers, saying, Thy seed shall inherit the land of Canaan.

4 Abraham, our father, heard a voice, when he dwelt in this land, which said unto him: Circumcise the flesh of thy foreskin, for therefore art thou barren.

5 When your fathers were in bondage in Egypt, because of the Egyptians from the time of the birth of Moses, they were uncircumcised.

6 But Moses, the servant of the Lord, commanded me, saying, When ye be come into the land of Canaan, to possess it, speak unto the Levites, and say:

7 Make unto yourselves razors, and let the priests circum-

A. M.
2560.

cise one the other: and circumcise ye all the males of the children of Israel.

8 And the Levites did so: and all the people abode in their tents in the camp till they were whole.

9 And Joshua said, This shall be a law and an ordinance unto you, to be observed in all your tribes, and in all your families.

10 Ye shall bring every male on the eighth day after he openeth the womb, unto the priest, to be circumcised: ye shall do this, both ye, your sons, and your sons' sons, for ever.

11 And it came to pass after seven days, that the people were whole.

12 Then Joshua commanded Eleazar, the priest, and he read out of the book of the covenant, all the laws, and the ordinances which Moses commanded to be observed, concerning the servant, whether he be an Hebrew, or a stranger, and the statutes concerning the virgins of the nations, and the children born unto them.

13 And Joshua blessed the tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and he said unto them:

14 Return ye by the way ye came, and go over Jordan, unto you wives, unto your sons, unto your daughters, and unto your flocks, and unto your possessions.

15 For ye have done all that Moses hath commanded you: ye have obeyed me also.

16 But take ye diligent heed to do the commandments and the laws of the Lord; to cleave unto him; and to serve him with all your heart; and with all your soul.

17 Then the tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, even all the armed men thereof, departed from Joshua, at ^{*Heb. disband-}Shiloh. ing.

18 And they passed over Jordan, to the land of Gilead, whereof they were possessed, as Moses had spoken.

19 And the tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, returned into the land of Gilead, with their shares of the spoil they had taken from the Canaanites, with much cattle, with gold, with silver, with iron, and with brass, and with very much raiment: and with their portion of pure virgins; as the Lord had commanded Moses.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *The Reubenites, the Gadites, and the Manassites build a tabernacle and an altar.* 5 *Joshua is angry with them.* 8 *Joshua sends Phinehas to them.* 15 *Their reasons.* 22 *Joshua is pacified.* 29 *Joshua and Eleazar die.*

1 NOW it came to pass that the elders of the

A. M.
2560.

2561.

A. M. Reubenites, the elders of the
2561. Gadites, and the elders of the
half-tribe of Manasseh, said one
among another.

2 Behold Joshua, and our
brethren, have set up the taber-
nacle in Shiloh ; let us likewise
build a tabernacle and an altar,
as testimonies unto the Lord ;
for Jordan is a border between
them and us.

3 That the Levites, who
dwell among us, may offer up
our burnt-offerings, our sacri-
fices, and our peace-offerings,
unto the Lord.

4 And they built a taber-
nacle, and they sat up an altar
on this side Jordan, in the
land of their possession, even
in Gilead.

5 ¶ And it came to pass,
when Joshua and the children
of Israel heard thereof, that
they assembled themselves to-
gether at Shiloh.

6 And Phinehas said, Lo !
the people of Reuben, the peo-
ple of Gad, with the Manas-
sites, seek to make themselves
a separate people ; even as Ko-
rah, have they sinned.

7 For they have built a ta-
bernacle, and they have set up
an altar, on the other side
Jordan ; unto Shiloh will they
not come, at the place which
the Lord hath appointed will
they not appear, to offer sacri-
fices and burnt-offerings.

8 And Joshua said, Send
Phinehas, Caleb, and Jasher,
with the princes of Israel ; and

let them pass over Jordan, and
enquire at their hands the cause
thereof.

9 And they went, and they
passed over Jordan : and they
saw the tabernacle and the al-
tar which the children of Reu-
ben, the children of Gad, and
the children of Manasseh, had
built, and behold they were
well to look unto.

10 And they said unto the
Reubenites, the Gadites, and
the Manassites, Wherefore
have ye thus trespassed in mak-
ing yourselves a people to
rebel against the Lord ?

11 Tell us, we pray ye,
Wherefore have ye built a
tabernacle and an altar, besides
the tabernacle and the altar
which are in Shiloh ?

12 And the men of Reuben,
the men of Gad, and the men
of Manasseh, answered, and
said, The Lord, the God of our
fathers, knoweth, that as a
testimony have we built the
tabernacle and the altar.

13 For Jordan is between
us and Shiloh ; wherefore that
we, our wives, our sons, and
our daughters, might worship
the Lord, surely have we done
this thing.

14 And speak unto Joshua,
and unto our brethren on the
other side of the river of Jor-
dan, and say,

15 Thus say the men of
Reuben, the men of Gad, and
the men of Manasseh, As the
Lord liveth, we, and our sons,

A. M.
2561.

A. M. 2561. from sixteen years of age, shall appear once in every year before the Lord, in Shiloh.

16 Moreover, whatsoever ye shall command us, that will we do.

17 And the words of the Reubenites, of the Gadites, and of the Manassites, were pleasing unto Phinehas, and unto all those who were with him.

18 ¶ Then Caleb, Phinehas, Jasher, with the princes, returned unto Joshua, and unto the children of Israel, in Shiloh.

19 And they said, Thus say our brethren, the men of Reuben, the men of Gad, and the men of Manasseh, We are the people of the Lord: and as a testimony thereof have we built for us, our wives, our sons, and our daughters, a tabernacle, and have set up an altar.

20 And behold once in every year will we, and our sons, from sixteen years, and upwards, appear before the Lord, in Shiloh.

21 And whatsoever ye shall command us, that will we do.

22 And the thing pleased Joshua, and all Israel; and they said, We will not destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben, of Gad, and of Manasseh, dwell.

23 And they said, Their chosen men shall bear testimony also among the elders of Israel, at Shiloh.

24 Now had Israel rest from all their enemies round about: for the people of the nations feared greatly.

25 ¶ And Joshua waxed old, and he called for all Israel, and he said: Behold, I have divided unto you, by lot, all the land of Canaan, as an inheritance for your tribes, possess ye the land, as the Lord hath promised unto you.

26 Now, therefore, fear ye the Lord: and serve him in sincerity, and in truth.

27 And the people said unto Joshua, We will serve the Lord.

28 And when Joshua had made an end of speaking, the people departed, each man to his dwelling.

29 And Joshua died, being one hundred and ten years of age.

30 And Eleazar, the son of Aaron, died.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 *Judah and Simeon take possession of their lots. 4 Othniel smiteth Kirjaeth-sepher. 7 The Israelites suffer the Canaanites to dwell among them. 15 Phinehas reproves the Israelites for so doing. 21 The people weep. 24 Caleb dies.*

1 NOW after the death of Joshua, Judah said to Simeon, Come thou, and let us drive out the Canaanite out of my lot: and I will go with thee up into thy lot.

A. M. 2561.

2564.

2565.

A. M.
2565.

2 And they did so : and they slew of the Canaanites, ten thousand men.

* *Heb.* the enchanter.

3 ¶ And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjaeth-sepher : to him will I give ^a Achsah, my daughter, to wife.

* *Heb.* hour of the Lord.

4 And ^bOthniel, the younger brother of Caleb, took it : then gave he unto him Achsah, his daughter.

5 And the children of Judah said unto the Kenites, Ye are the children of Jethro, who was father-in-law to Moses, ye shall dwell in the land, and ye shall fight for us, and we will fight for you.

* *Heb.* the balance.

* *Heb.* enervated.

6 Then Judah went up with Simeon into his lot : and he took Gaza, ^cAskalon, ^dEkron, and the mountains.

7 But the inhabitants of the valleys he could not drive out, nor the Jebusites that dwell in Jerusalem : wherefore they dwell among them even to this day.

8 Joseph also in his lot did not drive out the Canaanites : but the Canaanites still dwell among them.

9 Manasseh in his lot did not utterly drive them out : for the Canaanites would dwell in Megiddo, Dor, Taanach, and Bethshean.

10 Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites : but they dwelt with them in Gezer.

11 The children of Zebulun made the inhabitants of

Kitron and Nahaleel their tributaries.

12 The children of Ashur also dwell among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land : in Accho, Zidon, Ahlab, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik, and Rehob.

13 Neither did Napthali drive out the Canaanites : nevertheless made they the inhabitants of Bethshemosh and of Beth-anath tributaries.

14 So also the tribe of Dan dwelt among the Canaanites.

15 ¶ And it came to pass, when the tribes of the children of Israel had gone up each unto his lot, that Phinehas, the priest, spake unto the elders of the people, and said :

16 What is this that you have done ? Moses, the servant of the Lord, said unto you, Ye shall surely drive out all the inhabitants of the land.

17 And behold ye have made a league with the Canaanites, with the Jebusites, with the Perrizzites, and with the Amorites : and ye dwell among them.

18 And the elders of the people said, They were too strong for us : peradventure if we had not made a league with them, we had all perished, we, our wives, and our children, and all our flocks, and our herds, and our gold, and our silver, and our virgins ; even all our possessions, had been a prey unto them.

A. M.
2565.

2568.

A. M. 2568. 19 For who are they, now Moses and Joshua are dead, who can lead forth all the people to battle!

20 Then answered Phinehas, and said, The Canaanites will henceforth be as thorns in your side, and their customs will be as snares unto you: and the Lord, the God of our fathers, will not go forth with our armies.

21 And the elders of the people, lifted up their voice, and wept: because of those things, which should befall all Israel.

22 ¶ Now Caleb ruled in Israel after Joshua was dead, twelve years.

2575. 23 And the people dwelt in peace, all his days.

24 And Caleb died, and was buried: and the children of Israel mourned until the thirtieth day.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *Jasher succeeds Caleb, his father.*
7 *Jezer obtains leave to build a city.* 11 *Azuba, her complaint.*
14 *Ehud advises to slay the Canaanites.* 16 *The Israelites separate themselves from them.* 28 *Deborah, her request is granted.*

2576. 1 AND it came to pass after these things were fulfilled, that Phinehas, and the elders of the tribes of Israel, assembled themselves together at Shiloh.

2 And they said, Who shall judge Israel? for behold, now

Moses, Joshua, and Caleb, are dead, the people of the Lord are without a leader.

3 And they named Jasher, the son of Caleb, by Azuba: seeing he is an upright man.

4 And, moreover, this we know, that he hath seen all the wonders, wrought in Egypt, in the wilderness: even all the mighty works, that have been done.

5 And the people shouted for joy.

6 And Jasher judged Israel, in Shiloh.

7 ¶ And it came to pass, that Jezer, his younger son, said unto Jasher: Behold, I pray thee, the land of Canaan, how the people of the nations mix with thy people.

8 Wherefore let thy son, even thy son Jezer, build him a city, after his name: that the people of the land may be shut out from among us.

9 And Jasher said: Be it even as thou hast spoken.

10 And Jezer builded him a city, in the tribe of Judah: the same is the habitation of the Jasherites, unto this day.

11 ¶ Now it came to pass, when the elders of the children of Israel were assembled together at Shiloh, that Azuba, the mother of Jasher, spake, and said,

12 Lo! the nations will swallow us up: the name of our fathers will surely be forgotten.

A. M. 2576.

2577.
*Heb. dutiful.

2579.

A. M.
2579.

13 For the sons of Israel defile themselves with the women of the nations: they have forsaken the daughters of Jacob.

* Heb. unity.

14 And ^bEhud said, Up, let us slay the people of the nations: let us utterly drive them out of the land of Canaan.

15 For so long as they be among us, they will be a snare unto us: and Israel shall be defiled.

16 Then spake Jezer, and said, Separate yourselves from among them: let the Canaanites inhabit their cities, and let us possess our cities.

17 So that they may not come nigh unto us: nor that we, nor our sons, draw nigh to the people of the nations.

18 And Othniel stood forth, and said, Would to God, it was now with us, as it was in the days of Moses, and Joshua, when all Israel went forth to the war; then might we drive out the nations!

19 For behold! now the armed men of each tribe are for themselves, and for the lot of their inheritance.

20 Moreover, it will henceforth behove us, that we permit not all the males of Israel at one time to appear before the Lord in Shiloh, lest the enemy noteth it.

21 Who shall lead Reuben over Jordan: will Gad with Manasseh now fight for us?

22 Then spake Jasher and

said: Hear, O my people, hearken unto the words, of the son of Caleb, by Azuba.

23 Peradventure, the people of the nations, are too strong for us: and who is there now, of the sons of Jacob, that shall conquer.

24 Reject not, therefore the counsels of Othniel, and of Jezer. Suffer ye the Canaanites, the Perrizzites, the Hittites, the Hivites, and the Amorites, to dwell in their cities: and besides the cities we possess of the nations taken in the war, let us build cities for our increase; for our sons, and our daughters, and their children, that they dwell therein, and serve the Lord, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, who hath brought us out, from under the bondage of Egypt, unto the promised land: a land flowing with milk, and with honey.

25 So shall we, and those who come after us, be a separate people: sanctified unto the Lord.

26 Moreover, thus hath said the Lord, by the mouth of his servant Moses, Your sons shall not take to wife the daughters of the children of Canaan; lest they be cut off from the congregation.

27 And all the elders of Israel cried out, and said, As Jasher, our judge, hath spoken, so shall it be.

28 ¶ Then came ^aDeborah,

A. M.
2580.

2581.

* Heb. the word; truth.

A. M. 2581. the daughter of Jasher, and said unto her father: Behold my husband was slain before Makkedah, when Israel went out to fight for the people of Gibeon.

28 Wherefore that I, and my sons, and my daughters, may serve the Lord, let us build us a city, that we may dwell therein.

30 And Jasher said, Thou hast said it: and call thou its name Debir.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *Jasher sends messengers unto the kings of Canaan. 6 He assembles them nigh Bethel. 8 Jasher and the kings make a league. 15 The Israelites serve the Lord, all the days of Jasher.*

2582. 1 **A**ND it came to pass in those days, that Jasher sent messengers unto all the kings, and unto all the nations of Canaan: and he wrote unto them, saying:

2 Jasher, the judge of all Israel, unto the kings of the sea-coasts, the kings of the mountains, and the kings of the valleys, greeting: Know ye, that Moses, the servant of the Lord, hath commanded us, that we should not dwell with you in your cities, nor follow after your customs: and that we should not suffer you to dwell with us in our cities.

3 Seeing we worship the Lord, who made heaven, and

earth, and all things therein: and ye fall down, and worship, Baalim, and the gods of your own imaginations.

4 That we shall not give our daughters unto your sons, nor take your daughters for our sons.

5 Wherefore thus saith Jasher, It behoveth, that ye assemble yourselves together, at Bethel: that I, and all the elders of Israel, may covenant with you.

6 ¶ And in those days, the kings and princes of the sea-coasts, the kings of the mountains, and the kings of the valleys, assembled themselves together, nigh unto Bethel, in the way as thou goest up to Beth-horon.

7 And Jasher, and all the elders of the tribes of Israel, came there also.

8 And Jasher stood forth, and he spake unto all the kings of the sea-coasts, the kings of the mountains, and the kings of the valleys, and said: To live in peace surely, that there be no more war between us, our sons, and our sons' sons, are we now come.

6 Behold, now, O, ye nations! chuse you out in every tribe, the cities ye are willing to dwell in, and all those lands, and possessions, which shall be yours: and be ye unto yourselves.

10 That your families remain inhabitants of the land,

A. M. 2582.

2583.

A. M. 2583. and that ye eat the fruit of your increase.

11 Then answered all the kings of the sea-coasts, the kings of the mountains, and the kings of the valleys, and they said : What thou, O Jasher, judge of all Israel, hath spoken, seemeth unto us good : and all that thou commandest, that will we do.

12 And they bowed down before Jasher ; and before all the elders of Israel.

13 And they did all that Jasher had spoken, and they took them cities, lands, and possessions, in every tribe : even such as Jasher, and the elders of Israel, had appointed for them.

14 And the people of Israel dwelt in their cities, and had their lands, and their possessions ; and the people of the nations dwelt in their cities, and had their lands, and possessions : and they are separated even unto this day.

15 ¶ And the children of Israel served the Lord all the days of Jasher, who had seen all the great works done for Israel, in Egypt, and in the wilderness.

16 And Israel rested from war, all the days of Jasher : observing all things written in the book of the covenant, and Israel did not defile themselves with the women of the nations.

CHAP. XXXVII.

A. M. 2594

1 *The Israelites build them synagogues in every city.* 3 *The priests read the covenant therein.* 3 *They build no altar.* 6 *Jasher appoints rulers of cities.* 8 *Various habits to be worn.* 10 *Jasher assembles the elders.* 13 *He reminds them of former things.* 21 *His charge to the elders.* 23 *Othniel is to succeed Jasher.* 24 *Jasher blesses Israel.* 26 *Jasher builds an ark ;* 28 *in which Jasher lays up the book which he had wrote.*

1 **NOW** it came to pass in process of time, when the children of Israel had built them cities, and had gotten them possessions, in the land of Canaan, that they grew mighty ; and for number, they were as the sand on the sea-shore.

2 And they built little tabernacles in every city ; and in every town.

3 And the priests and Levites, on every sabbath-day, read before the people of every city, and of every town, the law, and the statutes : and they rehearsed, in the ears of all the people, the mighty works that were done in Egypt, and in the wilderness.

4 But they sat up no altar, neither did they offer burnt-offerings, or peace-offerings, save only at Shiloh.

5 But the children of Israel, throughout all their tribes, kept the passover, and the feasts ; as Moses had appointed.

A. M. 2595. 6 ¶ And Jasher appointed rulers of cities; and rulers of towns.

7 And the people dwelt in peace; and they walked uprightly.

2597. 8 ¶ And it came to pass, that Jasher spake unto all the children of Israel, before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and he said, The garments of the virgin, of the virgin betrothed, of the married woman, and of the widow, shall from henceforth note them as such, that ye may be chaste before the Lord, your God.

9 Likewise the garments of the young man, of the married man, and of the widower, shall note them as such, that ye may be blameless.

10 And they said, All these things will we, our wives, our sons, and our daughters, observe to do.

2599. 11 ¶ Now it came to pass, that Jasher assembled together Phinehas, the priest, and Othniel, and all the elders of Israel:

12 And Jasher spake unto them, and he said: Lo! the days of my life are many, and the time is at hand that I shall return to the place of my fathers;

13 Hear therefore the words of Jasher:

14 Call to mind the days of old; remember the times that are past.

15 Our father Jacob dwelt in Hebron in this land.

16 And there was a sore famine in Canaan.

17 Now Pharaoh, king of Egypt, had advanced Joseph, one of the sons of Jacob.

18 Wherefore went he into Egypt, and he dwelt in the land of Goshen; and he died there.

19 After the death of Jacob, the Egyptians oppressed your brethren.

20 Then came Moses from Midian, and delivered us out of bondage; and led us through the Red Sea into the wilderness.

21 And now behold this day, is fulfilled the prophecy of Abraham: Unto thy seed will I give this land.

22 Ye are for multitude a great people: and it shall come to pass, that if you observe the statutes, and ordinances, of the Lord, and walk uprightly, ye shall drive out the remnant of the Gentiles.

23 Wherefore I charge ye this day, that ye command your sons, that they do not take them wives of the nations: it is an abomination, it bringeth destruction.

24 And lo, Othniel! peradventure he shall judge Israel after I am no more.

25 And Jasher blessed Israel, and he said, The Lord, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Ja-

A. M. 2599.

A. M. 2600. cob, prosper your going-out, and your coming-in.

26 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Jasher called unto him, his sons, and his daughters; and he blessed them, and he said,

27 The days of my life are one hundred and twelve years: these are the days of my pilgrimage.

28 And Jasher said, This book which I have written, ye shall neither add to, nor diminish from: it is thine, and thy sons, to possess for ever.

29 That the elders of Israel, and the children not yet

born, may read and praise the Lord.

30 ¶ And when Jasher had made an end of speaking, he called unto him Jazer, his eldest son, and he said unto him, Build now an ark, that I may put therein this testimony: and do thou lay it up in the city of Jezer.

31 And Jazer builded an ark of Gopher-wood, and he brought it unto his father, and Jasher put therein the book, which he had written.

32 And Jazer laid it up in the city of Jezer.

A. M. 2600.