

¹وَفِي ذَاتِ يَوْمٍ قَالَ يُوثَاتَانُ ابْنُ شَاوُلَ لِلْعَلَامِ حَامِلِ
سِلَاحِهِ، تَعَالَ تَعْبُرْ إِلَى حَقْطَةِ الْفِيلِسْطِينِيِّينَ الَّذِينَ فِي
ذَلِكَ الْعَبْرِ. وَلَمْ يُخَيِّرْ أَبَاهُ.² وَكَانَ شَاوُلُ مُقِيمًا فِي طَرَفِ
جَبْعَةِ تَحْتَ الرَّمَامَةِ الَّتِي فِي مِغْرُونَ، وَالشَّعْبُ الَّذِي
مَعَهُ نَحْوُ سِتِّ مِئَةِ رَجُلٍ.³ وَأَحِيَا بْنُ أَخِيصُوبَ أَخِي
إِيحَابُودَ بْنِ فِينَحَاسَ بْنِ عَالِي كَاهِنِ الرَّبِّ فِي شِيلُوهَ
كَانَ لَابِسًا أَفُودًا. وَلَمْ يَعْلَمْ الشَّعْبُ أَنَّ يُوثَاتَانَ قَدْ
دَهَبَ.⁴ وَبَيْنَ الْمَعَايِرِ الَّتِي اتَّخَذَ يُوثَاتَانُ أَنْ يَعْبرَهَا إِلَى
حَقْطَةِ الْفِيلِسْطِينِيِّينَ سِنَّ صَخْرَةٍ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْجِهَةِ وَسِنَّ
صَخْرَةٍ مِنْ تِلْكَ الْجِهَةِ، وَاسْمُ الْوَاحِدَةِ بُوصِيصُ وَاسْمُ
الْأُخْرَى سَنَهُ.⁵ وَالسَّنُّ الْوَاحِدُ عَمُودٌ إِلَى الشِّمَالِ مُقَابِلَ
مِخْمَاسَ، وَالْآخَرُ إِلَى الْجَنُوبِ مُقَابِلَ جَبْعِ. فَقَالَ يُوثَاتَانُ
لِلْعَلَامِ حَامِلِ سِلَاحِهِ، تَعَالَ تَعْبُرْ إِلَى صَفِّ هَؤُلَاءِ الْغُلْفِ،
لَعَلَّ اللَّهَ يَفْعَلُ مَعَنَا، لِأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ لِلرَّبِّ مَانِعٌ عَنْ أَنْ
يُخْلَصَ بِالْكَثِيرِ أَوْ بِالْقَلِيلِ.⁷ فَقَالَ لَهُ حَامِلُ سِلَاحِهِ، اْعْمَلْ
كُلَّ مَا يَقْلِيكَ. تَقَدَّمُ. هَتَدَا مَعَكَ حَسَبَ قَلْبِكَ.⁸ فَقَالَ
يُوثَاتَانُ، هُوَذَا تَحْنُ تَعْبُرُ إِلَى الْقَوْمِ وَتُظْهِرُ أَنْفُسَنَا
لَهُمْ.⁹ فَإِنْ قَالُوا لَنَا، دُومُوا حَتَّى تَصِلَ إِلَيْكُمُ. تَقِفْ فِي
مَكَائِنَا وَلَا تَصْعَدُ إِلَيْهِمْ.¹⁰ وَلَكِنْ إِنْ قَالُوا، اضْعُدُوا إِلَيْنَا.
تَصْعَدُ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ دَفَعَهُمْ لِيَدِنَا، وَهَذِهِ هِيَ الْعَلَامَةُ
لَنَا.¹¹ فَأَظْهَرَا أَنْفُسَهُمَا لِصَفِّ الْفِيلِسْطِينِيِّينَ. فَقَالَ
الْفِيلِسْطِينِيُّونَ، هُوَذَا الْعِبْرَانِيُّونَ خَارِجُونَ مِنَ الثُّغُوبِ
الَّتِي احْتَبَأُوا فِيهَا.¹² فَأَحْبَبَ رِجَالُ الصَّفِّ يُوثَاتَانَ وَحَامِلَ
سِلَاحِهِ، اضْعُدَا إِلَيْنَا فَتَعَلَّمَكُمَا شَيْئًا. فَقَالَ يُوثَاتَانُ لِحَامِلِ
سِلَاحِهِ، اضْعُدْ وَرَائِي لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ دَفَعَهُمْ لِيَدِ
إِسْرَائِيلَ.¹³ فَصَعَدَ يُوثَاتَانُ عَلَى يَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ وَحَامِلُ
سِلَاحِهِ وَرَاءَهُ. فَسَقَطُوا أَمَامَ يُوثَاتَانَ، وَكَانَ حَامِلُ
سِلَاحِهِ يَقْتُلُ وَرَاءَهُ.¹⁴ وَكَاتَبَ الصَّرْبَةُ الْأُولَى الَّتِي صَرَبَهَا
يُوثَاتَانُ وَحَامِلُ سِلَاحِهِ نَحْوَ عِشْرِينَ رَجُلًا فِي نَحْوِ نِصْفِ
قَدَّانِ أَرْضٍ.¹⁵ وَكَانَ ارْتِعَادُ فِي الْمَحَلَّةِ فِي الْحَقْلِ وَفِي
جَمِيعِ الشَّعْبِ. الصَّفِّ وَالْمُحَرَّبُونَ ارْتَعَدُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا،
وَرَجَعَتِ الْأَرْضُ فَكَانَ ارْتِعَادُ عَظِيمٍ.¹⁶ فَتَطَرَّ الْمُرَافِقُونَ
لِسَاوُلَ فِي جَبْعَةِ بَنِيَامِينَ، وَإِذَا بِالْجُمْهُورِ قَدْ ذَابَ وَدَهَبُوا
مُتَبَدِّدِينَ.¹⁷ فَقَالَ شَاوُلُ لِلشَّعْبِ الَّذِي مَعَهُ، عُدُّوا الْآنَ
وَانْظُرُوا مَنْ دَهَبَ مِنْ عِنْدِنَا. فَعَدُّوا، وَهُوَ يُوثَاتَانُ
وَحَامِلُ سِلَاحِهِ لَيْسَا مُوجُودَيْنِ.¹⁸ فَقَالَ شَاوُلُ لِأَحِيَا، قَدِّمْ
تَابُوتَ اللَّهِ. لِأَنَّ تَابُوتَ اللَّهِ كَانَ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ مَعَ بَنِي
إِسْرَائِيلَ.¹⁹ وَفِيمَا كَانَ شَاوُلُ يَتَكَلَّمُ بَعْدَ مَعَ الْكَاهِنِ، تَرَانَدَ

¹Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side. But he told not his father.²And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people that were with him were about six hundred men;³And Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.⁴And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.⁵The forefront of the one was situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah.⁶And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.⁷And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart.⁸Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto these men, and we will discover ourselves unto them.⁹If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them.¹⁰But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the

الصَّحِيحُ الَّذِي فِي مَخْلَةٍ الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ وَكَثُرَ. فَقَالَ
 شَاوُلُ لِلْكَاهِنِ، كُفَّ يَدَكَ.²⁰ وَصَاحَ شَاوُلُ وَجَمِيعُ الشَّعْبِ
 الَّذِي مَعَهُ وَجَاءُوا إِلَى الْحَرْبِ، وَإِذَا يَسْتَفِ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ
 عَلَى صَاحِبِهِ. اضْطَرَبَ عَظِيمٌ جِدًّا.²¹ وَالْعِبْرَانِيُّونَ الَّذِينَ
 كَانُوا مَعَ الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ مِنْذُ أَمْسٍ وَمَا قَبْلَهُ، الَّذِينَ
 صَعِدُوا مَعَهُمْ إِلَى الْمَخْلَةِ مِنْ حَوَالِيهِمْ، صَارُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا
 مَعَ إِسْرَائِيلَ الَّذِينَ مَعَ شَاوُلٍ وَبُونَاتَانِ.²² وَسَمِعَ جَمِيعُ
 رِجَالِ إِسْرَائِيلَ الَّذِينَ اجْتَبَأُوا فِي جَبَلِ أَفْرَايِمَ أَنَّ
 الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ هَرَبُوا، فَسَدُّوا هُمْ أَيْضًا وَرَاءَهُمْ فِي
 الْحَرْبِ.²³ فَخَلَصَ الرَّبُّ إِسْرَائِيلَ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ. وَغَبَرَتِ
 الْحَرْبُ إِلَى بَيْتِ آوَنَ.²⁴ وَصَنَعَ رَجُلٌ إِسْرَائِيلَ فِي ذَلِكَ
 الْيَوْمِ لِأَنَّ شَاوُلَ خَلَفَ الشَّعْبَ قَائِلًا، مَلْعُونُ الرَّجُلِ
 الَّذِي يَأْكُلُ خُبْزًا إِلَى الْمَسَاءِ حَتَّى أَتَقِمَ مِنْ أَعْدَائِي.
 فَلَمْ يَدُقْ جَمِيعُ الشَّعْبِ خُبْزًا.²⁵ وَجَاءَ كُلُّ الشَّعْبِ إِلَى
 الْوَعْرِ وَكَانَ غَسَلٌ عَلَى وَجْهِ الْحَقْلِ.²⁶ وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ
 الشَّعْبُ الْوَعْرَ إِذَا بِالْعَسَلِ يَقْطُرُ وَلَمْ يَمُدَّ أَحَدٌ يَدَهُ إِلَى
 قِمِهِ، لِأَنَّ الشَّعْبَ خَافَ مِنَ الْقَسَمِ.²⁷ وَأَمَّا يُوثَاتَانُ فَلَمْ
 يَسْمَعْ عِنْدَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ أَبُوهُ الشَّعْبَ، فَمَدَّ طَرَفَ الشَّاسِيَةِ
 الَّتِي بِيَدِهِ وَعَمَسَهُ فِي قَطْرِ الْعَسَلِ وَرَدَّ يَدَهُ إِلَى قِمِهِ
 فَاسْتَنَارَتْ عَيْنَاهُ.²⁸ فَقَالَ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الشَّعْبِ، قَدْ خَلَفَ
 أَبُوكَ الشَّعْبَ قَائِلًا، مَلْعُونُ الرَّجُلِ الَّذِي يَأْكُلُ خُبْزًا
 الْيَوْمَ. فَأَعْيَا الشَّعْبَ.²⁹ فَقَالَ يُوثَاتَانُ، قَدْ كَذَّرَ أَبِي
 الْأَرْضَ. أَنْظَرُوا كَيْفَ اسْتَنَارَتْ عَيْنَايَ لِأَنِّي دُقْتُ قَلِيلًا
 مِنْ هَذَا الْعَسَلِ.³⁰ فَكَيْفَ بِالْحَرْبِ لَوْ أَكَلَ الْيَوْمَ الشَّعْبُ
 مِنْ غَنِيمَةِ أَعْدَائِهِمْ الَّتِي وَجَدُوا. أَمَا كَانَتْ الْآنَ ضَرْبُهُ
 أَعْظَمُ عَلَى الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ.³¹ فَصَرَّبُوا فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ
 الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ مِنْ مِخْمَاسٍ إِلَى أَيْلُونِ. وَأَعْيَا الشَّعْبُ
 جِدًّا.³² وَتَارَ الشَّعْبُ عَلَى الْعَيْمَةِ، فَأَخَذُوا غَنَمًا وَبَقَرًا
 وَعُجُولًا، وَدَبَّحُوا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ وَأَكَلَ الشَّعْبُ عَلَى
 الدَّمِ.³³ فَأَحْبَرُوا شَاوُلَ، هُوَذَا الشَّعْبُ يُحْطِئُ إِلَى الرَّبِّ
 بِأَكْلِهِ عَلَى الدَّمِ. فَقَالَ، قَدْ عَدَرْتُمْ. دَحْرَجُوا إِلَيَّ الْآنَ
 خَبْرًا كَبِيرًا.³⁴ وَقَالَ شَاوُلُ، تَعْرِفُوا بَيْنَ الشَّعْبِ وَقُولُوا
 لَهُمْ أَنْ يَقْدُمُوا إِلَيَّ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ تَوْرَهُ وَكُلُّ وَاحِدٍ سَاتَهُ،
 وَادْبَحُوا هَهُنَا وَكُلُّوا وَلَا تُحْطِئُوا إِلَى الرَّبِّ بِأَكْلِكُمْ مَعَ
 الدَّمِ. فَقَدَّمَ جَمِيعُ الشَّعْبِ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ تَوْرَهُ بِيَدِهِ فِي تِلْكَ
 اللَّيْلَةِ وَدَبَّحُوا هُنَاكَ.³⁵ وَبَنَى شَاوُلُ مَذْبَحًا لِلرَّبِّ. الَّذِي
 سَرَعَ بِنْيَانِهِ مَذْبَحًا لِلرَّبِّ.³⁶ وَقَالَ شَاوُلُ، لِنَسْرِ
 الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ لَيْلًا وَنَنْهَهُمْ إِلَى صَوءِ الصَّبَاحِ وَلَا نُبْقِ
 مِنْهُمْ أَحَدًا. فَقَالُوا، أَفْعَلْ كُلَّ مَا يَحْسُنُ فِي عَيْنَيْكَ.

LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be a sign unto us.¹¹ And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.¹² And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.¹³ And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him.¹⁴ And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow.¹⁵ And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was a very great trembling.¹⁶ And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down one another.¹⁷ Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer were not there.¹⁸ And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.¹⁹ And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that was in the host of the Philistines went on

وَقَالَ الْكَاهِنُ، لَتَتَقَدَّمَ هُنَا إِلَيَّ اللَّهُ.³⁷ فَسَأَلَ سَاوُلُ اللَّهَ،
 أَنْتَحِدِرْ وَرَاءَ الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ. أَتَذْفَعُهُمْ لِيَدِ إِسْرَائِيلَ. فَلَمْ
 يُجِبْهُ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ.³⁸ فَقَالَ سَاوُلُ، تَقَدَّمُوا إِلَيَّ هُنَا يَا
 جَمِيعَ وَجُوهِ الشَّعْبِ، وَاعْلَمُوا وَانْظُرُوا بِمَاذَا كَانَتْ هَذِهِ
 الْحَظِيَّةُ الْيَوْمَ.³⁹ لِأَنَّهُ حَيٌّ هُوَ الرَّبُّ مُحَلِّصُ إِسْرَائِيلَ، وَلَوْ
 كَانَتْ فِي يُونَاتَانَ ابْنِي فَإِنَّهُ يَمُوتُ مَوْتًا. وَلَمْ يَكُنْ مَنْ
 يُجِيبُهُ مِنْ كُلِّ الشَّعْبِ.⁴⁰ فَقَالَ لِيَجْمَعَ إِسْرَائِيلَ، أَنْتُمْ
 تَكُونُونَ فِي جَانِبِ وَأَنَا وَيُونَاتَانُ ابْنِي فِي جَانِبِ. فَقَالَ
 الشَّعْبُ لِسَاوُلَ، اصْنَعْ مَا يَحْسُنُ فِي عَيْنَيْكَ.⁴¹ وَقَالَ
 سَاوُلُ لِلرَّبِّ إِلَهَ إِسْرَائِيلَ، هَبْ صِدْقًا. فَأَخَذَ يُونَاتَانُ
 وَسَاوُلُ. أَمَّا الشَّعْبُ فَخَرَجُوا.⁴² فَقَالَ سَاوُلُ، أَلْقُوا بَيْنِي
 وَبَيْنَ يُونَاتَانَ ابْنِي. فَأَخَذَ يُونَاتَانُ.⁴³ فَقَالَ سَاوُلُ لِيُونَاتَانَ،
 أَجِيرَنِي مَاذَا فَعَلْتَ. فَأَجَبَهُ يُونَاتَانُ، دُقْتُ دَوْفًا بِطَرْفِ
 النِّسَابَةِ الَّتِي بِيَدِي قَلِيلَ عَسَلٍ. فَهَنَّتَدَا أُمُوثَ.⁴⁴ فَقَالَ
 سَاوُلُ، هَكَذَا يَفْعَلُ اللَّهُ وَهَكَذَا يَزِيدُ إِنَّكَ مَوْتًا تَمُوتُ يَا
 يُونَاتَانُ.⁴⁵ فَقَالَ الشَّعْبُ لِسَاوُلَ، أَيْمُوثُ يُونَاتَانَ الَّذِي
 صَنَعَ هَذَا الْخَلَّاصَ الْعَظِيمَ فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. خَاسًا. حَيٌّ هُوَ
 الرَّبُّ لَا تَسْفُطُ شَعْرَتَهُ مِنْ رَأْسِهِ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ لِأَنَّهُ مَعَ
 اللَّهِ عَمِلَ هَذَا الْيَوْمَ. فَاقْتَدَى الشَّعْبُ يُونَاتَانَ فَلَمْ
 يَمُتْ.⁴⁶ فَصَعِدَ سَاوُلُ مِنْ وَرَاءِ الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ، وَذَهَبَ
 الْفِلِسْطِينِيُّونَ إِلَى مَكَانِهِمْ.⁴⁷ وَأَخَذَ سَاوُلُ الْمُلْكَ عَلَى
 إِسْرَائِيلَ، وَخَارَبَ جَمِيعَ أَعْدَائِهِ حَوْلَيْهِ، مُوَابَ وَبَنِي
 عَمُّونَ وَأُدُومَ، وَمُلُوكَ صُورَةَ وَالْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ. وَخَيَّمَمَا
 تَوَجَّهَ غَلَبَ.⁴⁸ وَقَعَلَ بِيَّاسٍ وَصَرَبَ عَمَالِيقَ، وَأَنْقَذَ
 إِسْرَائِيلَ مِنْ يَدِ تَاهِييَ.⁴⁹ وَكَانَ بَنُو سَاوُلَ يُونَاتَانُ وَيَشُويَ
 وَمَلِكِيشُوعَ، وَاسْمَا ابْنَتَيْهِ، اسْمُ الْبِكْرِ مَيْرَبُ وَاسْمُ
 الصَّغِيرَةِ مِيكَالَ.⁵⁰ وَاسْمُ امْرَأَةِ سَاوُلَ أَخِيئوعَمُ بِنْتُ
 أَخِيَمَعَصَ. وَاسْمُ رَئِيسِ جَيْشِهِ أَبْتِيئَرُ بْنُ تَيْرَ عَمِّ
 سَاوُلَ.⁵¹ وَقَيْسُ أَبُو سَاوُلَ وَتَيْرُ أَبُو أَبْتِيئَرَ ابْنَا
 أَبِيئِيلَ.⁵² وَكَانَتْ حَرْبٌ شَدِيدَةٌ عَلَى الْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ كُلِّ
 أَيَّامِ سَاوُلَ. وَإِذَا رَأَى سَاوُلُ رَجُلًا جَبَّارًا أَوْ دَا بَاسٍ صَمَّهُ
 إِلَى نَفْسِهِ.

and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand.²⁰ And Saul and all the people that were with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture.²¹ Moreover the Hebrews that were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan.²² Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle.²³ So the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Bethaven.²⁴ And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted any food.²⁵ And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground.²⁶ And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.²⁷ But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.²⁸ Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food

this day. And the people were faint.²⁹ Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.³⁰ How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?³¹ And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint.³² And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the people did eat them with the blood.³³ Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day.³⁴ And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew them there.³⁵ And Saul built an altar unto the LORD: the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.³⁶ And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God.³⁷ And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not

that day.³⁸ And Saul said, Draw ye near hither, all the chief of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day.³⁹ For, as the LORD liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people that answered him.⁴⁰ Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee.⁴¹ Therefore Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, Give a perfect lot . And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people escaped.⁴² And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken.⁴³ Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand, and , lo, I must die.⁴⁴ And Saul answered, God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.⁴⁵ And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.⁴⁶ Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.⁴⁷ So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed them .⁴⁸ And he gathered

an host, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.⁴⁹ Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchishua: and the names of his two daughters were these ; the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal.⁵⁰ And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his host was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.⁵¹ And Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.⁵² And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.