

Chapter 11

Dauid is elected and annointed king. 5. He ouerthroweth the Iebufites taking the towre of Sion in Ierufalem, and prospereth. 10. His valiant men, and their heroical actes are recited. 17. He defiring water from the cifterne of Bethleem, wil not drinke it, but offereth it in sacrifice, because it is brought with danger of his valiant mens liues. 20. Other valiant men of the fecond order, are likewise recited.

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fpecial actes.

Al Ifrael therefore was gathered together to Dauid in Hebron, faying: We are thy bone, and thy flefh. ² Yesterday alfo, and the day before when Saul as yet reigned, thou waft he that didft leade out and leade in Ifrael: for to thee our Lord thy God fayd: Thou fhalt feede my people Ifrael, and thou fhalt be prince ouer it. ³ Al the ancientes therefore of Ifrael came to the king into Hebron, and Dauid entred into a league with them before our Lord: and they annoynted him king ouer Ifrael, according to the word of our Lord, which he fpake in the hand of Samuel. ⁴ Dauid alfo went, and al Ifrael into Ierufalem. This is Iebus, where the Iebufeites were the inhabiters of the land. ⁵ And they that dwelt in Iebus, fayd to Dauid: Thou fhalt not come in here. Moreouer Dauid tooke the towre of Sion, which is the Citie of Dauid, ⁶ and he fayd: Euerie one that fhall among the firft ftrike the Iebufeite, fhall be the prince and chiefe captayne. Ioab therefore the fonne of Saruia went vp firft, and was made the prince. ⁷ And Dauid dwelt in the towre, and therefore it was called the Citie of Dauid. ⁸ And he built the citie round about from Mello vnto a round compaffe, and Ioab built the reft of the citie. ⁹ And Dauid prospered going and increafing, and the Lord of hoftes was with him. ¹⁰ Thefe are the princes of the valiant men of Dauid, which holpe him to be made king ouer al Ifrael according to the word of our Lord, which he fpake to Ifrael. ¹¹ And this is the number of Dauids ftrong ones: Iefbaam the fonne of Hachamoni prince among thirtie: this man lifted vp his fpeare vpon

three hundred wounded at one time. ¹² And after him Eleazar his vnckes fonne an Ahohite, who was among the three mighties. ¹³ This was with Daud in Phefdomim, when the Philifthijms were gathered to that place into battel: and the field of that countrie was ful of barley, and the people was fled from the face of the Philifthimes. ¹⁴ Thefe ftood in the middes of the fielde, and defended him: and when they had ftriken the Philiftheans, our Lord gaue great health to his people. ¹⁵ And there went downe three of the thirtie princes to a rocke, wherin Daud was, to the caue of Odollam, when the Philifthijms had camped in the Vale raphaim. ¹⁶ Moreouer Daud was in a hold, and the ward of the Phelifthimes in Bethlehem. ¹⁷ Daud therfore defired and fayd: O that fome man would giue me water of the cefterne of Bethlehem, which is in the gate. ¹⁸ Thefe three therfore went forward through the middes of the campe of the Philifthimes, and drewe water of the cefterne of Bethlehem, which was in the gate, and brought it to Daud to drinke: who would not, but rather offered it to our Lord, ¹⁹ faying: God forbid that in the fight of my God I fhould doe this, and fhould drinke the bloud of thefe men: becaufe in the peril of their liues they haue brought me the water. And for this caufe he would not drinke. Thefe thinges did the three moft valiantes. ²⁰ Abifai alfo the brother of Ioab he was prince of three, and he lifted vp his fpeare agaynft three hundred wounded, and he was among three moft renowned, ²¹ and among the fecond three he the noble one, and prince of them: but yet vnto the three firft he raught not. ²² Banaias the fonne of Ioiada a moft valiant man, of Cabfeel: who had done manie factes, he froke the ^a)two ariel of Moab: and he went downe, and flewe the lion in the middes of the cifterne in the time of fnow. ²³ And he froke the Ægyptian, whofe ftature was of fiue cubites, and which had a fpeare as the weauers beame: he therfore went downe to him with a rod, and by force tooke away the fpeare, that he held in his hand, and flewe him with his owne fpeare.

^a Two ftout men of Moab, as if they had benne lions. *2. Reg. 23.*

²⁴ These things did Banaias the sonne of Ioiada, who was among the three valiantes most renowned, ²⁵ the first among thirtie, but yet the three he caught not: and Dauid made him of his counsel. ²⁶ Moreover the most valiant men in the armie, Afahel the brother of Ioab, and Elchanan the sonne of his vncle of Bethlehem, ²⁷ Sammoth an Arorite, Helle a Phalonite, ²⁸ Ira the sonne of Acces a Thecaite, Abiezer an Anathothite, ²⁹ Sobbochai an Hufathite, Ilai an Ahohite, ³⁰ Maharai a Netophathite, Heled the sonne of Baana a Netophathite, ³¹ Ethai the sonne of Ribai of Gabaath the children of Benjamin, Banaia a Pharatonite, ³² Hurai of the Torrent Gaas, Abiel an Arbathite, Azmoth a Bauramite, Eliaba a Salabonite. ³³ The sonnes of Affem a Gezonite, Ionathan the sonne of Sage an Ararite, ³⁴ Ahiam the sonne of Sachar an Ararite, ³⁵ Eliphal the sonne of Vr, ³⁶ Hopher a Mecherathite, Ahia Phelonite, ³⁷ Hefro a Carmelite, Naarai the sonne of Azbai, ³⁸ Ioel the brother of Nathan, Mibahar the sonne of Agarai. ³⁹ Selet an Ammonite, Naharai a Berothite the armour bearer of Ioab the sonne of Saruia, ⁴⁰ Ira a Iethreite, Gareb a Iethreite, ⁴¹ Vrias the Hetheite, Zabad the sonne of Oholi, ⁴² Adina the sonne of Sizaa Rubenite the prince of the Rubenites, & with him thirtie: ⁴³ Hanan the sonne of Maacha, and Iofaphat a Mathanite, ⁴⁴ Ozia an Aftarothite, Samma, and Iehiel the sonnes of Hotham an Arorite, ⁴⁵ Iedihel the sonne of Zamri, and Ioha his brother a Thofaite, ⁴⁶ Eliel a Mahumite, and Ieribai, and Iofaia the sonnes of Elnaim, and Iethma a Moabite, Eliel, and Obed, and Iafiel of Masobia.