

The word clearly can be rendered "garrison" or "outpost," and if this rendering is kept there is no *difficulty* about the whole narrative. Besides what does C. R. C. make of 2 Samuel xxiii, 14?

Before I close, I wish to point out the following errata on page 244, *Quarterly Statement*, 1883:—Line 7, נציר should be נציר; line 12, eruption should be irruption; line 21, sixteen should be fourteen.

Yours obediently,

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THE NAMELESS CITY.

To the Editor of the Palestine Exploration Fund Quarterly Statement.

SIR,

May I be allowed to make one or two comments on the remarks of C. R. C. on pages 183–4 of the *Quarterly Statement* for 1883?

First, I would ask how Kirjath-Jearim can possibly be the city where Saul met Samuel, in the face of the statements in 1 Samuel ix, 27, and x, 1, 2, showing that it was *immediately* after leaving Samuel that Saul was to meet the "two men by Rachel's sepulchre?" If we are not to understand that Rachel's sepulchre was *near* to the "end of the city" where Saul was anointed, then I wonder that C. R. C. does not accept the view of the Arabic Commentary I quoted in *Quarterly Statement*, 1884, page 53.

I cannot see, however, that the expression "end of the city" has any special connection with Kirjath-Jearim.

Seeing that the Hebrew word here used for "the end" is used of the "end of the rod" with which Jonathan tasted the honey (1 Sam. xiv, 27, 43), of the "end of the conduit" where Isaiah was told to meet Ahaz (Isa. vii, 3), and again in 2 Samuel xxiv, 8, respecting the "end of nine months and twenty days" in which Joab was occupied in taking the number of the people, to say nothing of the "end" of Jordan, of the valley of giants (Josh. xv, 5, 8), and of the mountain (Josh. xviii, 16), it must be manifest that it simply means the "end," the furthest extremity only.

May I ask also why C. R. C. explains Aretz Sha'lim as being = land of caverns?

Is it not more reasonable to connect it with Shual = Jackal, in the "land of Shual" (1 Sam. xiii, 17), and perhaps with "Hazar-Shual?" Dr. Young renders it "jackals," and Gesenius suggests "region of foxes."

Yours truly,

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