And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they [be]: but, my lord the king, [are] they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?

And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all [they of] Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah [was] four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword.

But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel.

And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.
And the LORD spake unto Gad, David's seer, saying,

9 Go and tell David, saying Thus saith the LORD I offer thee three things choose thee one of them that I may do it unto thee.

10 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD Choose thee

11 Either three years' famine; or three months to destroy by thee foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtake the land and the angel of the LORD destroyeth throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.

12 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very great [are] his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.

13 So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand thousand men.

14 And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyeth: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

15 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and
21:17 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshingfloor, and bowed himself to David with [his] face to the ground.

21:22 And David said unto Ornan. Grant me the place of [this] threshingfloor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people.

21:23 And Ornan said unto David, Take [it] to thee, and let my lord the king do [that which is] good in his eyes: lo, I give [thee] the oxen [also] for burnt offerings, and the sheaves of corn for the present-offering. I give it all.
And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take [that] which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.

So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight.

And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering.

For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, [were] at that season in the high place at Gibeon.

But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.