

and Salmon, and we went into the palace together, and sat down to a royal banquet, Zillah, attired as becometh a queen, being seated on my left, and Melchizedek on my right.

After the banquet I had conference with the men; and we ordained that Gomer should be Chief Captain over all the men of war in the kingdom, and that the chiefs should serve under him, each having command of the men of his own tribe. And we made Salmon Chief Counselor, and directed each chief to choose out a wise man from the elders of his tribe, to be counselor to his chief, and to be joined with Salmon in the counsels of the kingdom.

When our guests departed we began to set the palace in such order as would be answerable to the royal estate we must henceforth maintain.

But wherefore should I write more? After I was anointed king of Philistia there was nothing at all but peace and prosperity in my life—save one event. The kingdom flourished and grew strong. My wife bore me sons and daughters. I was given power in the earth, and great honor.

There was one event; and it is continually before my sight, like a great and dark mountain that thou must alway see, go whither thou wilt, because it standeth alone in the midst of the plain. When she had reigned by my side twenty and three years my