

LESSONS.—1. The wicked, like Saul, persecuted the righteous. 2. We should render to magistrates all due honor. 3. We should not render evil for evil, but, like David, overcome evil with good—Rom. 12, 21.

**No. 8.—Death of Saul.** 1 Sam. 31, 1—13.

*Mount Gilboa* was in the tribe of Issachar, about 50 miles north of Jerusalem. Saul's putting himself to death cannot be justified—Ex. 20, 13; Acts 16, 28. His melancholy end was the punishment of his impiety—1 Chron. 10, 13—14. His head was placed in the temple of Dagon—1 Chron. 10, 10. Jabbesh and Bethshan were separated by the Jordan. *Ashtaroth* was a chief goddess of the Philistines and Sidonians.

LESSONS.—1. Impiety is sure to be punished. 2. How great are the evils of war, which hurries men, often unprepared, before the judgment seat of God. 3. Kings and princes, like others, are subject to death. 4. Let us seek to live the life and to die the death of the righteous, as did Jonathan.

**No. 9.—Removal of the Ark.** 2 Sam. 6, 1—12.

*Baale* was the same as Kirjathjearim, a town about 6 miles west of Jerusalem. The Levites should have borne the ark with staves, on their shoulders; none were permitted to touch it—Numb. 7, 9 & 4, 15. The Philistines had put it on a cart, but they were not punished for this, as they knew not the law. Psalm 68 was probably composed in connection with the removal recorded—v. 12.