

Responsive Review Service for the First Quarter.

LESSON I.

The Kingdom Divided.

Supt. Who was king over all Israel?

School. Solomon's son, Rehoboam.

Supt. What did his people ask him to do?

School. To make the taxation and the service lighter than Solomon had made it.

Supt. Whom did Rehoboam first consult in this crisis?

School. The old men, who advised Rehoboam to serve the people and speak good words to them.

Supt. Whom did he next consult?

School. The young men, who advised that the service be made heavier than before.

Supt. Whose advice did he follow?

School. The young men's advice.

Supt. What was the result?

School. Ten tribes revolted and chose Jeroboam king.

Supt. Have great men always been the servants of their generation?

School. They have, and the Greatest of all said, "I am among you as he that serveth."

Supt. What is the GOLDEN TEXT?

School. "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

LESSON II.

Idolatry in Israel.

Supt. What did Jeroboam fear might happen if his ten tribes were allowed to go up to Jerusalem to worship?

School. That the hearts of the people would turn back to Rehoboam.

Supt. How did he hinder their going?

School. He made two calves of gold, and said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."

Supt. Who had used these words before?

School. Aaron, when he made the golden calf in the wilderness.

Supt. Show how one sin led to many.

School. The making of the calves led to the worship of them. Then, a house of high places, priests of the lowest of the people, and idolatrous feasts and sacrifices.

Supt. What did Jeroboam do so that he might be a religious as well as civil ruler?

School. He took the place of a high-priest, "offered upon the altar, and burnt incense."

Supt. Are we in danger of worshipping idols?

School. Yes; unless we "put God first."

LESSON III.

God's Care of Elijah.

Supt. How was Israel punished for idolatry?

School. Dew and rain ceased to fall.

Supt. Why was Elijah ordered to hide by the brook Cherith?

School. Ahab held him responsible for the drought, and would have killed him.

Supt. What brought him bread and flesh to eat morning and evening?

School. Ravens.

Supt. When he went to Zarephath, who fed him?

School. A widow shared her last handful of meal and little oil with him.

Supt. How long did the meal and oil last?

School. "Many days." Until the Lord sent rain on the earth.

Supt. What does the lesson teach?

School. God's care for his children.

All. "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." (GOLDEN TEXT.)

LESSON IV.

Elijah and the Prophets of Baal.

Supt. How long did the prophets of Baal call on their god?

School. From morning till evening.

Supt. When there was no answer, what did Elijah say to them?

School. "Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked."

Supt. When Elijah had prepared his sacrifice, what did he pour on it?

School. Twelve barrels of water.

Supt. Let us repeat together Elijah's wonderful prayer.

All. "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again."

Supt. When the fire fell from heaven, what did it consume?

School. The burnt-sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

Supt. What was the effect on the people?

School. They fell on their faces, saying, "The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God."

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"Dare to do right."

LESSON V.

Elijah at Horeb.

Supt. Why did Elijah go into the wilderness?

School. To escape Jezebel, who had threatened to kill him.

Supt. Who fed and comforted him when he was ready to die?

School. An angel.

Supt. When Elijah reached Horeb, what was his cry?

School. "The children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

Supt. What manifestation of power did God show to Elijah?

School. He sent a great and strong wind, an earthquake, and a fire.

Supt. What did God tell Elijah to comfort him?

School. That seven thousand in Israel had not bowed unto Baal.

Supt. When we get discouraged over the slow coming of Christ's kingdom, what will comfort us?

School. God's word: "Fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee." (GOLDEN TEXT.)

LESSON VI.

Ahab's Covetousness.

Supt. When the rich King Ahab could not buy Naboth's vineyard, how did he act?

School. He laid upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

Supt. What did Ahab's wife Jezebel do to get the vineyard?

School. She wrote letters in Ahab's name to the elders and nobles against Naboth. And she set two sons of Belial to witness that Naboth blasphemed God and the king.

Supt. When the elders heard these things, what was done to Naboth?

School. He was stoned to death.