

International Bible Lessons.

THIRD QUARTER: STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON I. Israel Asking for a King.

[July 5.]

GOLDEN TEXT. Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only. 1 Sam. 7. 3.

AUTHORIZED VERSION.

[Study also verses 11-22. Read Deut. 17. 14-20;

1 Sam. chapters 4-8.]

1 Sam. 8. 1-10.

[Commit to memory verses 4-7.]

1 And it came to pass, when Sam'u-el was old, that he made his sons judges over Is'ra-el.

2 Now the name of his firstborn was Jo'el; and the name of his second, A-bi'ah: they were judges in Be'er-she'ba.

3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

4 Then all the elders of Is'ra-el gathered themselves together, and came to Sam'u-el unto Ra'mah.

5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

6 But the thing displeased Sam'u-el, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Sam'u-el prayed unto the LORD.

7 And the LORD said unto Sam'u-el, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of E'gypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and show them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

10 And Sam'u-el told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.

REVISED VERSION.*

1 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. 2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abijah: they were judges in Beer-sheba. 3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted justice.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah; 5 and they said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. 6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto Jehovah. 7 And Jehovah said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee; for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not be king over them. 8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, in that they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. 9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit thou shalt protest solemnly unto them, and shalt show them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

10 And Samuel told all the words of Jehovah unto the people that asked of him a king.

Lesson Hymns.

New Canadian Hymnal, No. 3.

All people that on earth do dwell,
Singing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

New Canadian Hymnal, No. 6.

Oh, worship the King all glorious above!
Oh, gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

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Time.—According to Usher about 1095 B. C.

Place.—Ramah.

Home Readings.

M. Israel Asking for a King. 1 Sam. 8. 1-10.

Tu. Advice refused. 1 Sam. 8. 11-22.

W. Saul's visit to Samuel. 1 Sam. 9. 1-13.

Th. Samuel's message to Saul. 1 Sam. 9. 14-24.

F. The King's duties. Deut. 17. 14-20.

S. The best rule. Prov. 8. 1-17.

S. Reference by Paul. Acts 13. 16-24.

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