

International Bible Lessons

Studies in the Old Testament from Samuel to Solomon.

LESSON CALENDAR: THIRD QUARTER

1. July 5. Israel Asking for a King. 1 Sam. 8: 1-10.
2. July 12. Saul Chosen King. 1 Sam. 10: 17-27.
3. July 19. Samuel's Farewell Address. 1 Sam. 12: 13-25.
4. July 26. Saul Rejected as King. 1 Sam. 15: 13-23.
5. August 2. Samuel Anoints David. 1 Sam. 16: 4-13.
6. August 9. David and Goliath. 1 Sam. 17: 38-49.
7. August 16. Saul Tries to Kill David. 1 Sam. 18: 5-16.
8. August 23. David and Jonathan. 1 Sam. 20: 12-23.
9. August 30. David Spares Saul. 1 Sam. 26: 5-12, 21-25.
10. September 6. Death of Saul and Jonathan. 1 Sam. 31: 1-13.
11. September 13. David Becomes King. 2 Sam. 2: 1-10.
12. September 20. Abstinence from Evil. 1 Pet. 4: 1-11.
13. September 27. REVIEW.

Lesson I.

ISRAEL ASKING FOR A KING

July 5, 1903

1 Sam. 8: 1-10. Study vs. 1-22. Commit to memory vs. 4-7. Read Deut. 17: 14-20; 1 Sam. chs. 4-8.

1 And it came to pass, when Sam'uel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.
2 Now the name of his firstborn was Jo'el; and the name of his second, Abi'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 Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Sam'uel unto Ramah.

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'uel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Sam'uel prayed unto

the Lord.

7 And the Lord said unto Sam'uel, 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 Egypt 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 shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

10 And Sam'uel told all the words of the Lord unto the people that asked of him a king.

the Lord.

Revised Version—1 be king; 2 in that; 3 thou shalt protest; 4 shalt.

GOLDEN TEXT

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

DAILY READINGS

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| M. —1 Sam. 8: 1-10. | Israel asking for a king. |
| T. —1 Sam. 8: 11-22. | Advice refused. |
| W. —1 Sam. 9: 1-13. | Saul's visit to Samuel. |
| Th. —1 Sam. 9: 14-24. | Samuel's message to Saul. |
| F. —Deut. 17: 14-20. | The king's duties. |
| S. —Prov. 8: 1-17. | The best rule. |
| S. —Acts 13: 16-24. | Reference by Paul. |

CATECHISM

Q. 94. What doth every sin deserve?

A. Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

TIME AND PLACE

B.C. 1079, while judges were ruling in Israel; Ramah, a name borne by at least eight different places mentioned in the Old Testament. The position of the Ramah of Samuel is in dispute. It was perhaps within nine miles of Jerusalem in a northerly direction.

LESSON PLAN

- I. A King Demanded, 1-6.
By the elders on behalf of the people.
- II. The Lord Rejected, 7, 8.
In spite of his past deliverances.
- III. The People Warned, 9, 10.
Concerning their treatment by the king.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 249; 90; 2 (Ps. Sel.); 19; 149; 533.

EXPOSITION

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Connecting Links—We now resume the studies in the Old Testament from the point reached in the closing lessons of 1902. The time covered by the book of First Samuel is almost a century. In the life of that century Samuel as judge and prophet played a great part. The book opens with the story of Samuel's birth, his dedication to the service of the Lord, and his youthful ministry

at Shiloh, chs. 1 to 3. We then have the sad story of the time of Eli's house, and the tragic death of the aged judge, chs. 4 and 5. This begins a period of national disaster, including defeat by the Philistines and the loss of the ark of God, chs. 5 and 6. The ministry of Samuel is blessed with the quickening of national repentance, which leads to reformation and victory, ch. 7: 1-14. Samuel