

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FOURTH QUARTER: STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

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LESSON IX. DAVID ANOINTED KING.

[Dec. 1.]

GOLDEN TEXT. Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. 1 Sam. 16. 7.

Authorized Version.

1 Sam. 16. 1-13. [Commit to memory verses 12, 13.]

[Observe connection with verses 14-23.]

1 And the Lord said unto Sam'u-el, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Is'ra-el? fill thine horn with oil, and go; I will send thee to Jes'se the Beth'le-hem-ite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

2 And Sam'u-el said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the Lord said, Take a heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the Lord.

3 And call Jes'se to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

4 And Sam'u-el did that which the Lord spake, and came to Beth'le-hem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jes'se and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on E-li'ab, and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.

7 But the Lord said unto Sam'u-el, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

8 Then Jes'se called A-bin'a-dab, and made him pass before Sam'u-el. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this.

9 Then Jes'se made Sham'mah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this.

10 Again Jes'se made seven of his sons to pass before Sam'u-el. And Sam'u-el said unto Jes'se, The Lord hath not chosen these.

11 And Sam'u-el said unto Jes'se, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Sam'u-el said unto Jes'se, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

13 Then Sam'u-el took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon Da'vid from that day forward. So Sam'u-el rose up, and went to Ra'mah.

Revised Version.

1 And the Lord said unto Sam'u-el, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Is'ra-el? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jes'se the Beth'le-hem-ite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. And Sam'u-el said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the Lord said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the Lord. And call Jes'se to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. And Sam'u-el did that which the Lord spake, and came to Beth'le-hem. And the elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jes'se and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on E-li'ab, and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him. But the Lord said unto Sam'u-el, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. Then Jes'se called A-bin'a-dab, and made him pass before Sam'u-el. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this. Then Jes'se made Sham'mah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this. And Jes'se made seven of his sons to pass before Sam'u-el. And Sam'u-el said unto Jes'se, The Lord hath not chosen these. And Sam'u-el said unto Jes'se, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Sam'u-el said unto Jes'se, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look upon. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. Then Sam'u-el took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon Da'vid from that day forward. So Sam'u-el rose up, and went to Ra'mah.