

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FOURTH QUARTER: STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

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LESSON V. SAMUEL THE JUDGE.

[Nov. 3.]

GOLDEN TEXT. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. 1 Sam. 7. 12.

Authorized Version.

1 Sam. 7. 5-15. [*Commit to memory verses 12, 13.*]

[Study connection in chap. 7.]

5 And Sam'u-el said, Gather all Is'-ra-el to Miz'-pah, and I will pray for you unto the Lord.

6 And they gathered together to Miz'-pah, and drew water, and poured it out before the Lord, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the Lord. And Sam'u-el judged the children of Is'-ra-el in Miz'-pah.

7 And when the Phil-is'tines heard that the children of Is'-ra-el were gathered together to Miz'-pah, the lords of the Phil-is'tines went up against Is'-ra-el. And when the children of Is'-ra-el heard it, they were afraid of the Phil-is'tines.

8 And the children of Is'-ra-el said to Sam'u-el, Cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Phil-is'tines.

9 And Sam'u-el took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the Lord: and Sam'u-el cried unto the Lord for Is'-ra-el; and the Lord heard him.

10 And as Sam'u-el was offering up the burnt offering, the Phil-is'tines drew near to battle against Is'-ra-el: but the Lord thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Phil-is'tines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Is'-ra-el.

11 And the men of Is'-ra-el went out of Miz'-pah, and pursued the Phil-is'tines, and smote them, until they came under Beth'-car.

12 Then Sam'u-el took a stone, and set it between Miz'-pah and Shen, and called the name of it Eb-en-e'zer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

13 So the Phil-is'tines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Is'-ra-el: and the hand of the Lord was against the Phil-is'tines all the days of Sam'u-el.

14 And the cities which the Phil-is'tines had taken from Is'-ra-el were restored to Is'-ra-el, from Ek'-ron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Is'-ra-el deliver out of the hands of the Phil-is'tines. And there was peace between Is'-ra-el and the Am'o-rites.

15 And Sam'u-el judged Is'-ra-el all the days of his life.

Revised Version.

5 And Sam'u-el said, Gather all Is'-ra-el to Miz'-pah, and I will pray for you unto the Lord.

6 And they gathered together to Miz'-pah, and drew water, and poured it out before the Lord, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the Lord. And Sam'u-el judged the children of Is'-ra-el in Miz'-pah.

7 And when the Phil-is'tines heard that the children of Is'-ra-el were gathered together to Miz'-pah, the lords of the Phil-is'tines went up against Is'-ra-el. And when the children of Is'-ra-el heard it, they were afraid of the Phil-is'tines.

8 And the children of Is'-ra-el said to Sam'u-el, Cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that he will save us out of the

9 hand of the Phil-is'tines. And Sam'u-el took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a whole

burnt offering unto the Lord: and Sam'u-el cried unto the Lord for Is'-ra-el; and the Lord

10 answered him. And as Sam'u-el was offering up the burnt offering, the Phil-is'tines drew

near to battle against Is'-ra-el: but the Lord thundered with a great thunder on that day

upon the Phil-is'tines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten down before Is'-ra-el.

11 And the men of Is'-ra-el went out of Miz'-pah, and pursued the Phil-is'tines, and smote them,

12 until they came under Beth'-car. Then Sam'u-el took a stone, and set it between Miz'-pah and

Shen, and called the name of it Eb-en-e'zer, 13 saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. So

the Phil-is'tines were subdued, and they came no more within the border of Is'-ra-el: and the

hand of the Lord was against the Phil-is'tines 14 all the days of Sam'u-el. And the cities which

the Phil-is'tines had taken from Is'-ra-el were restored to Is'-ra-el, from Ek'-ron even unto

Gath; and the border thereof did Is'-ra-el deliver out of the hand of the Phil-is'tines. And

there was peace between Is'-ra-el and the Am'o-rites. And Sam'u-el judged Is'-ra-el all the

days of his life.

TIME.—B. C. 1120. **PLACE.**—Mizpah, in the tribe of Benjamin. **RULER.**—Samuel; probably the only one of all the "judges" whose control extended over most of the land. He was one of the purest and wisest rulers this world has ever seen. **INTRODUCTORY.**—Samuel was still a young man. As soon as he found the reins of the nation in his hands he sought to bring

about a great reformation. He first urged a revival of personal religion; then gathered a public assembly. **DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The efficiency of prayer.

HOME READINGS.

M. Samuel the judge. 1 Sam. 7. 5-15.
Tu. An upright judge. 1 Sam. 12. 1-5.