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Questions and Answers

ON THE BIBLE.

FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL.

LESSON LXXXIX.

Q.—What promise did Samuel make to Israel if they should do this?

A.—That the Lord would deliver them out of the hand of the Philistines.

Q.—How did the children of Israel then act?

A.—They put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the Lord only.

Q.—To what place did Samuel tell Israel to gather?

A.—Mizpeh.

Q.—What did Samuel promise to do there?

A.—To pray for them unto the Lord.

Q.—What did the Israelites do when they came to Mizpeh?

A.—They fasted and said "we have sinned against the Lord."

Q.—What did the Philistines do, when they heard that the Israelites had come to Mizpeh?

A.—They went up against them.

Q.—How did the children of Israel act?

A.—They were afraid and besought Samuel not to cease crying unto the Lord.

Q.—How did the Lord answer the prayer of Samuel?

A.—He "thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them."

Q.—What did Samuel call the stone which he set up in commemoration of this event?

A.—Eben-ezer.

Q.—What did he say?

A.—"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Q.—What was the condition of the Philistines after this?

A.—They were subdued and came no more into the coast of Israel.

Q.—How long was the hand of the Lord against them?

A.—All the days of Samuel.

Q.—What became of the cities which the Philistines had taken?

A.—They were all restored to Israel.

Q.—How long did Samuel judge Israel?

A.—All the days of his life.

Q.—To what place did he go in circuit as judge from year to year.

A.—"To Beth-el, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh."

Q.—Where did he return?

A.—To Ramah.

Q.—Why did he do so?

A.—"For there was his house."

Q.—What did he build there?

A.—An altar unto the Lord.

Q.—What did Samuel do when he was old?

A.—"He made his sons judges over Israel."

Q.—What was the name of his firstborn?

A.—Joel.

Q.—What was the name of his second son?

A.—Abiah.

Q.—Where were they appointed judges?

A.—In Beer-sheba.

Q.—What was the character of Samuel's sons?

A.—They "walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre and took bribes, and perverted judgment."

Q.—What did the elders of Israel then say unto Samuel?

A.—"Thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations."

Q.—How did Samuel like this?

A.—It displeased him.

Q.—What did Samuel then do?

A.—He prayed unto the Lord.

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ON THE BOOK OF MORMON.

REIGN OF THE JUDGES.

LESSON LXXXIX.

Q.—How did the captains of Amalekiah's army find the city of Noah protected?

A.—It was fortified by a bank and deep ditch and there was only one place of entrance.

Q.—Who was the commander of this city?

A.—Lehi.

Q.—When the Lamanites saw the defences how did they feel?

A.—They feared to attack the city, but as their captains had sworn to destroy the city they brought up their troops for the attack.

Q.—How did the battle begin?

A.—The Lamanites attacked the entrance with a large force?

Q.—With what result?

A.—They were driven back with great slaughter.

Q.—What did they next attempt?

A.—They tried to tear down the bank which protected the Nephites.

Q.—How did they succeed in this?

A.—They were killed in great numbers by the stones thrown by the Nephites.

Q.—How long did the battle rage?

A.—There was an end of fighting only when all the chief captains of the Lamanites were slain.

Q.—How many Nephites were killed and wounded in this encounter?

A.—Not a man was killed, but about fifty were wounded.

Q.—How many Lamanites were slain?

A.—More than a thousand.

Q.—When the Lamanites saw their captains fall what did they do?

A.—They fled into the wilderness.

Q.—From the wilderness where did they go?

A.—They returned to their own land.

Q.—When Amalekiah heard of their loss how did he act?

A.—He was very angry at being unable to bring the Nephites into bondage.

Q.—On the other hand how did the Nephites feel?

A.—They felt thankful to God for their deliverance.

Q.—After this did Moroni stop fortifying the cities?

A.—No; in the commencement of the twentieth year of the reign of the Judges he caused his armies to fortify every city with a bank of earth.

Q.—Besides this bank what else was constructed around each city?

A.—A fortification of wood which rested upon the bank.

Q.—After these defences were completed what did Moroni do?

A.—He caused his armies to drive the Lamanites out of the east wilderness into their own lands.

Q.—At this time what portion of the continent did the Nephites occupy?

A.—A strip of country extending from the west to the east sea.

Q.—When the Lamanites were driven from the wilderness what was done?

A.—People from Zarahemla occupied it.

Q.—What did Moroni do to protect these persons?

A.—He sent armies along the border of the Nephites.

Q.—When the land had been fortified on every side what did the people do next?

A.—They built many cities and they became very wealthy.