

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

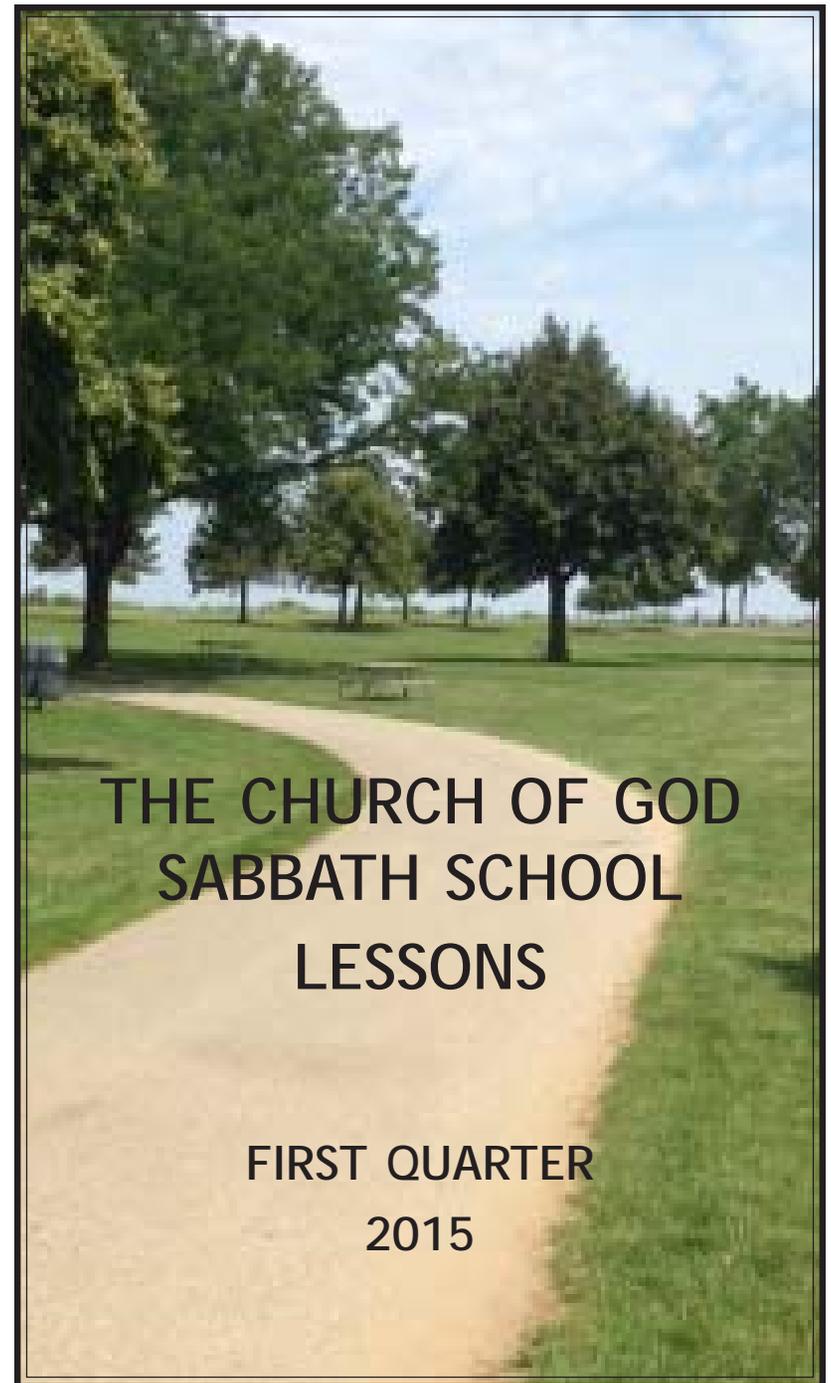
VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.



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IN THIS QUARTERLY

As we study the Word of God, we read about various leaders. They could be Kings, Pharaohs, Judges or Prophets. God's people, Israel, did not always have a king. For almost three millennia, the Lord spoke with the Patriarchs and/or Prophets. It was not until 1095 BC that Samuel anointed Saul to be the first king of Israel. Their choice of having a king like other nations put just a little more distance between themselves and God. James 4:8 reads: "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you..." Now, more than ever, we should heed these words.

EARLY KINGS

Scripture Reading: Genesis 10:1-12.

Golden Text: Proverbs 16:18.

NOTE: While we do not read the word king, we read about Nimrod's kingdom (vs. 10). Nimrod was Ham's grandson.

1. Where else do we read about Shinar? Genesis 14:1 (first part); Daniel 1:1-2.
2. What other kings are mentioned? Genesis 14:1 (second part) to 14:3.
3. After Abram defeats these kings, who else does he meet? Genesis 14:17-18.
4. How else is Melchisedec described? Hebrews 7:1-2 (King of Righteousness).
5. Who is Abimelech? Genesis 20:1-2.
6. Were kings part of the Abrahamic covenant? Genesis 17:1-6.
7. Was this reconfirmed when Sarai became Sarah? Genesis 17:15-16.
8. When God changed Jacob's name, what do we read? Genesis 35:10-11.
9. What kings also reigned before any king reigned over Israel? Genesis 36:1,3. Who else? Verses 40-43.

NOTE: Esau's descendants, just get farther and farther away from God.

10. Did Isaac dwell in Gerar like his father? Genesis 26:6-13.

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THE PHARAOHS

Scripture Reading: Genesis 41:1-16.

Golden Text: Amos 3:7.

NOTE: While we do not call them kings, the Pharaoh's were treated like gods.

1. After Joseph interprets the dream, what does Pharaoh do? Genesis 41:38-40.
2. What else do we read? Genesis 41:41-44.
3. Did Abram have an encounter with a Pharaoh? Genesis 12:10-20.
4. Was it okay with God that Jacob journey to Egypt? Genesis 46:1-4.
5. Does this coincide with what the Lord told Abram? Genesis 15:7, 13-16.
6. What was Pharaoh's response to the Lords first demand through Moses? Exodus 5:1-2.
7. How will Pharaoh perceive Moses and Aaron after this first refusal? Exodus 6:28-30 to 7:1.

NOTE: Verse 29 refers to Pharaoh as the king of Egypt, and in Exodus 7:1 he will see Moses as a god and Aaron as a prophet.

8. When the magicians could not bring forth lice, what did they say to Pharaoh, and what did he do? Exodus 8:16-19.
9. What changed when the Lord sent swarms of flies? Exodus 8:20-23.
10. Why was Pharaoh raised up at that time? Exodus 9:13-16.

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THE JUDGES

Scripture Reading: Judges 1:1-20.

Golden Text: Zechariah 4:6.

1. What happened after Joshua died? Judges 2:8-10.
2. How did the next generation conduct themselves? Judges 2:11-13.
3. What did the Lord do to help them? Judges 2:16.
4. Would they continue to listen? Judges 2:17.
5. When the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel what do we read? Judges 2:20-22.

NOTE: When the Judge was strong (spiritually) so was the nation, but if he was not the children of Israel went back to their evil ways.

6. How long did the land rest under Othniel? Judges 3:9-11.
7. Did the children of Israel serve the king of Moab? Judges 3:12-14.
8. Was Gideon a mighty man of valor? Judges 6:11-12.
9. What question did he ask the angel? Judges 6:13.
10. Gideon asked for a sign. What was the first one he was given? Judges 6:17-21.

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JUDGES CONTINUED

Scripture Reading: Judges 8:1-18.

Golden Text: Judges 8:23.

1. What happened after Gideon died? Judges 8:33-34.
2. Did they show any kindness to the house of Jerubbaal? Judges 8:35.
3. What story did Jotham tell the men of Shechem? Judges 9:7-15.
4. Who is this bramble king? Judges 9:16.
5. What happened after Abimelech reigned three years over Israel? Judges 9:22-23.
6. After he conquered the city, what did he do to the land? Judges 9:44-45.
7. What happened to the men of the tower of Shechem? Judges 9:46-49.
8. Did Israel enjoy peace under Ibzan, Elon and Abdon? Judges 12:8-15.
9. What did the children of Israel do? Judges 13:1.
10. Who did God raise up at these times in their history? Judges 13:2-5,24-25.

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SAMUEL THE PROPHET

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 1.

Golden Text: Psalm 40:1.

1. What did Eli think about Hannah? I Samuel 1:12-14.
2. How did she respond? I Samuel 1:15; Psalm 62:8.
3. Does Hannah pray a prophetic prayer? I Samuel 2:1-10.
4. Even though he was a child, did Samuel minister before the Lord? I Samuel 2:18-19.
5. What was Eli told after his sons had evil dealings with the people? I Samuel 2:22-23,34-36.
6. Did the Lord reveal Himself to Samuel? I Samuel 3:19-21.
7. Does Samuel tell the children of Israel that they have to change their ways? I Samuel 7:3-6,15-17.
8. Does Israel demand a king? I Samuel 8:1-5.
9. Was Samuel happy about their decision? I Samuel 8:6.
10. What does the Lord tell Samuel? I Samuel 8:7-8.

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SAUL, THE FIRST KING

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 9.

Golden Text: Psalm 23:1.

1. Did Samuel try and change their minds about having a king? I Samuel 8:11-18.
2. What was their answer? I Samuel 8:19-20.
3. Who was chosen to be their first king? I Samuel 9:15-17; 10:1.
4. After he was anointed what else was Saul told would happen? I Samuel 10:6.
5. Was Saul made king before the Lord in Gilgal? I Samuel 11:14-15.
6. Does Samuel talk about obedience to the people? I Samuel 12:13-15,23-25.
7. How does Saul intrude into Samuel's office? I Samuel 13:7-10.
8. Was Saul rejected by the Lord? I Samuel 13:11-14.
9. Is Saul disobedient a second time? I Samuel 15:1-3,9-11.
10. What did Saul do when he saw the Philistines gathering for warfare? I Samuel 28:3-10; Leviticus 19:31.

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DAVID, THE SECOND KING

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 16:1-13.

Golden Text: Psalm 51:10.

1. What happened to the Spirit of the Lord that Saul received? I Samuel 16:14.
2. How was Saul when David played the harp for him? I Samuel 16:23.
3. Where was David when Goliath presented himself 40 days to Israel? I Samuel 17:15-16.
4. What did David have to say about Goliath? I Samuel 17:26.
5. After David slew Goliath, what did he do? I Samuel 18:5-7.
6. Did this please Saul? I Samuel 18:8-9.
7. What did Saul attempt to do to David? I Samuel 18:10-11; 19:1.
8. Could David have murdered Saul? I Samuel 24:1-6.
9. After Saul's death, was David received as the king of Judah? II Samuel 2:1-4.
10. Was there a war between the house of Saul and the house of David? II Samuel 3:1-6.
11. Did all Israel finally accept David as their king? II Samuel 5:1-5.

Lesson For Sabbath, February 21, 2015

SOLOMON

Scripture Reading: I Kings 1:39-53.

Golden Text: Proverbs 4:5.

1. When the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream, what do we learn? I Kings 3:5-9.
2. Was the Lord pleased with his speech? I Kings 3:10.
3. Because the Lord was pleased, what was Solomon to receive? I Kings 3:11-14.
4. Did Judah and Israel dwell safely under the reign of Solomon? I Kings 4:25.
5. Was Solomon's wisdom and fame known in the surrounding nations? I Kings 4:29-31.
6. Did Solomon and Hiram, king of Tyre, make a league together? I Kings 5:1-3,8-12.
7. How did King Solomon get the laborers for the timber and stone to build the temple? I Kings 5:13-18.
8. When the temple was finished, what do we learn? I Kings 7:51.
9. What else was brought up to the temple? I Kings 8:1-4,9-11.
10. When the Lord appeared to Solomon a second time what did the Lord say about the temple? I Kings 9:1-3.

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REHOBOAM

Scripture Reading: I Kings 12:1-24.

Golden Text: Proverbs 15:1.

1. How long did Solomon reign in Israel? I Kings 11:42-43.
 2. After the people asked Rehoboam to make their yoke lighter, what did he do? I Kings 12:4-6.
 3. What did they advise? I Kings 12:7; Proverbs 11:14.
 4. Did he listen to the old men? I Kings 12:8-11.
 5. What happened when the people came back on the third day? I Kings 12:12-15; Proverbs 15:1.
 6. Did this decision on the part of Rehoboam cause a split? I Kings 12:16-17.
 7. How did the nation divide? I Kings 12:19-21.
- NOTE: At this point, we now have two kingdoms: the kingdom of Israel, also known as the north and the kingdom of Judah, also known as the south. Benjamin stayed with Judah, and that is how we get the ten tribes. The ten tribes were in the North, Israel, and two were in the south, Judah, which included Benjamin.*
8. Was Rehoboam allowed to fight against Israel? I Kings 12:23-24.
 9. What happened during Rehoboam's reign? I Kings 14:21-24.
 10. Did the king of Egypt come against Jerusalem? I Kings 14:25-31.

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JEROBOAM

Scripture Reading: I Kings 11:26-40.

Golden Text: Psalm 51:1.

NOTE: The kingdom is now split and there will be two kings reigning at the same time, one in the north, Israel (ten tribes), and one in the south, Judah (two tribes).

1. What was one of the first things Jeroboam did when he became the king of Israel? I Kings 12:25-28.
2. Where did he set up these golden calves? I Kings 12:29-30.
3. What kind of priests served Israel at this time? I Kings 12:31-33.
4. How does this compare with the instructions given to Moses concerning the priesthood? Exodus 28:1-3; Leviticus 21:16-24.
5. What prophecy was given against Jeroboam's false altar? I Kings 13:1-3.
6. What other miracle occurred at that time? I Kings 13:4-6.
7. Does Jeroboam persist in doing evil? I Kings 13:33-34.
8. What happened when his son got sick? I Kings 14:1-3.
9. Even though Ahijah's eyesight was poor, what did the Lord do for him? I Kings 14:4-12.
10. What else was prophesied? I Kings 14:14-16.
11. How long was Jeroboam the king of Israel? I Kings 14:19-20.

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VARIOUS KINGS OF ISRAEL & JUDAH

Scripture Reading: I Kings 15:1-24.

Golden Text: Ecclesiastes 4:13.

1. What king followed Rehoboam in Judah (South)? I Kings 15:1.

NOTE: Remember there are two kingdoms at the same time, and it says that Abijam became the king over Judah, and it occurred during the 18th year of Jeroboam's reign in Israel (North).

2. How is Abijam's request described? I Kings 15:2-7.

3. Who followed him when he died? I Kings 15:8-9.

NOTE: Jeroboam was still the king of Israel (North).

4. How long did Asa reign, and how did he rule? I Kings 15:10-15.
5. Who succeeded Jeroboam in the north (Israel)? I Kings 14:20; 15:25-26.
6. What happened to Nadab? I Kings 15:27-30. See also I Kings 14:10.
7. Did Baasha enjoy peace with Asa king of Judah? I Kings 15:16-17.
8. What did Asa do with the king of Syria? I Kings 15:18-20.
9. How is Baasha's reign described? I Kings 15:32-34.
10. Was there a prophecy concerning Baasha? I Kings 16:1-7.

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VARIOUS KINGS OF ISRAEL

Scripture Reading: I Kings 16:1-20.

Golden Text: Daniel 2:21.

Review: Kings of Judah (South)

Rehoboam

Abijam

Asa

Kings of Israel (North)

Jeroboam

Nadab

Baasha

1. Who succeeded King Baasha? I Kings 16:8.
 2. What happened to King Elah? I Kings 16:9-10.
 3. What do we learn about the reign of Zimri? I Kings 16:15-16.
 4. How did Zimri die? I Kings 16:17-19.
- NOTE: Verses 21 and 22 tell us of a civil war as the people who divided in Israel (North).*
5. What two factions fought each other? I Kings 16:21-22.
 6. After Omri prevailed, what did he buy? I Kings 16:23-24.
 7. Did Omri follow the Lord? I Kings 16:25-27.
 8. After Omri died, who became the king over Israel? I Kings 16:28.
 9. What infamous woman did Ahab marry? I Kings 16:29-31.
 10. What other evil things did Ahab do during his reign? I Kings 16:32-34.

NOTE: Baasha was followed by Elah, then Zimri, then Omri (who prevailed over Tibni), and Ahab his son reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.

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VARIOUS KINGS OF JUDAH

Scripture Reading: I Kings 22:29-53.

Golden Text: Psalm 7:1.

1. Who followed Asa on the throne in Judah? II Chronicles 16:12-13; 17:1.
2. Did Jehoshaphat follow the Lord? II Chronicles 17:2-5.
3. Because he grew in power, what did the surrounding nations bring to this king of Judah? II Chronicles 17:10-12.
4. When Moab and Ammon came against Jehoshaphat to battle, what do we read? II Chronicles 20:1,3,5-6,15-17.
5. After he died, who reigned in his place? II Chronicles 21:1-3.
6. Did Jehoram follow the Lord? II Chronicles 21:4-6,11.
7. Who did the Lord stir up against him? II Chronicles 21:16-20.
8. When Jehoram died, who was made king? II Chronicles 22:1-2.
9. How was his reign? II Chronicles 22:3-4.
10. What happened to King Ahaziah? II Chronicles 22:8-9.

NOTE: So far in Judah, Rehoboam was followed by Abijam, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Jehoram and Ahaziah.