

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.

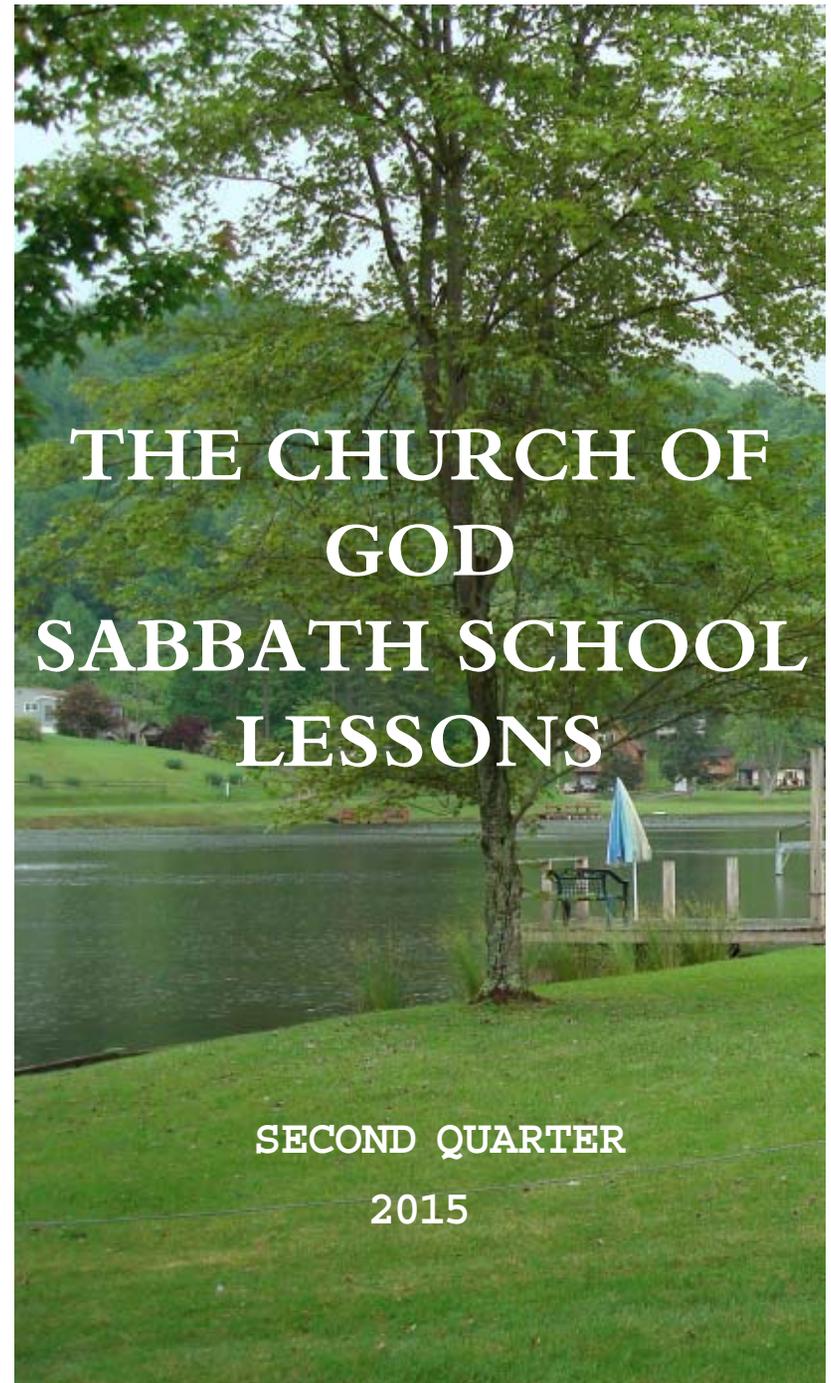
VI. Thou shalt not kill.

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

During the last quarter, we studied about different rulers and the introduction of various kings to lead Israel. But because they could not agree, the Kingdom was split in two. The king of Israel led the northern ten tribes, and the king of Judah led the two southern tribes. The more they bickered the farther away from God they became, and the dispersion came closer and closer. While there were some good leaders, the warnings go mostly unheeded and eventually they are carried away to foreign lands, first Israel, then Judah, thus fulfilling prophecy.

Lesson For Sabbath, April 4, 2015

KINGS OF ISRAEL CONTINUED

Scripture Reading: I Kings 18:1-16.

Golden Text: Deuteronomy 18:22.

1. What is Elijah told to tell Ahab? I Kings 21:17-22.
2. How did Ahab react to this message? I Kings 21:27-29.
3. How did Ahab die? I Kings 22:34-39.
4. Who reigned in his stead? I Kings 22:40.
5. What do we learn about the character of Ahaziah? I Kings 22:51-53.
6. When Ahaziah got sick, what did he do? II Kings 1:1-2.
7. How did Elijah get involved and what did he tell the messengers of the king? II Kings 1:3-4.
8. Did this prophecy come to pass? II Kings 1:13-16, 17 (first part).
9. Who took his place after he died? II Kings 1:17 (second part).
10. What kind of a king was Jehoram? II Kings 3:1-3.

Lesson For Sabbath, April 11, 2015

KINGS OF ISRAEL CONTINUED

Scripture Reading: II Kings 2:1-15.

Golden Text: Psalm 1:6.

1. Did Moab rebel against the king of Israel? II Kings 3:4-6.
2. What did Jehoram try to do with the kings of Judah and Edom? II Kings 3:7-9.
3. Did Elisha approve of this alliance? II Kings 3:10-15, 16-18.
4. After Jehoram was wounded in battle, what did Elisha the prophet do for Israel? II Kings 9:1-3.
5. What was King Jehu told to do to the house of Ahab? II Kings 9:6-7.
6. Did he do what he was told? II Kings 9:14-17, 22-24.
NOTE: It seems that sometimes King Jehoram was also called Joram.
7. Was Jehu also responsible for killing Jezebel? II Kings 9:30-33.
8. Did Jehu exterminate Baal worship from Israel? II Kings 10:19, 25-28.
9. Did he continue to walk in the law of the Lord? II Kings 10:29-31.
10. After Jehu, was the power of Israel diminished? II Kings 10:32-33.
11. Who ascended the throne upon Jehu's death? II Kings 10:34-36.

Lesson For Sabbath, April 18, 2015

KINGS OF ISRAEL CONTINUED

Scripture Reading: II Kings 13:1-9.

Golden Text: Ezekiel 18:24.

1. When Jehoahaz died, who ascended to the throne of Israel? II Kings 13:9.
NOTE: Israel is in the north and represents the ten tribes. Judah is in the south.
2. Does Joash visit the prophet Elisha? II Kings 13:14-17.
3. What do we learn about the king's faith? II Kings 13:18-19.
4. Was there a war between Israel and Judah at this time? II Kings 14:8-14.
NOTE: The name of the king of Israel is written two ways-- Joash or J(eh)oash, much the same as we read Joram or J(eh)-oram in the last lesson.
5. When Jehoash died, who reigned in his place? II Kings 14:16.
6. How long did this Jeroboam reign? II Kings 14:23.
7. Did he please the Lord? II Kings 14:24.
8. Although this king did evil in the sight of the Lord, what did God allow him to do for Israel? II Kings 14:25-27.
9. When he died, who replaced him on the throne? II Kings 14:28-29.
10. Did Zachariah's reign complete the promise made to Jehu? II Kings 10:30, 15:8-12.

Lesson For Sabbath, April 25, 2015

KINGS OF ISRAEL CONTINUED

Scripture Reading: II Kings 15:10-31.

Golden Text: Psalm 128:1.

1. Who reigned in the place of Zachariah? II Kings 15:10.
2. What happened to King Shallum? II Kings 15:13-15.
3. After he killed Shallum, how long did Menahem reign and what kind of a reign did he have? II Kings 15:16-18.
4. How did Menahem deal with Pul, the king of Assyria? II Kings 15:19-20; I Chronicles 5:26.
5. What is the name of the son who became the new king after Menahem's death? II Kings 15:21-22.
6. How long did Pekahiah reign? II Kings 15:23.
7. Who conspired against King Pekahiah? II Kings 15:24-26.
8. How long did Pekah reign? II Kings 15:27.
9. Was he a good king? II Kings 15:28.
10. Did another king of Assyria come against Israel? II Kings 15:29.
11. Who conspired against Pekah? II Kings 15:30-31.

Lesson For Sabbath, May 2, 2015

THE DISPERSION OF ISRAEL

Scripture Reading: II Kings 17:1-23.

Golden Text: Deuteronomy 28:15.

NOTE: Remember Israel at this time only represents the ten tribes in the north with Samaria as its major city or capital.

1. Who was now the king of Israel? II Kings 17:1-2.
2. What was his relationship with the king of Assyria? II Kings 17:3.
3. When the king of Assyria suspected Hoshea of a conspiracy, what did Shalmaneser do to Israel? II Kings 17:4-6.
4. What sins was Israel guilty of committing? II Kings 17:7-12.
5. Were they warned ahead of this time? II Kings 17:13.
6. Did they listen? II Kings 17:14-18.
7. Does what was happening to Israel correspond with the words of Moses? Deuteronomy 28:49-50, 63-67.
8. How is this described in II Kings? II Kings 17:20-23.
9. Were the cities of Israel repopulated? II Kings 17:24.
10. What happened after he replaced Israel with other people? II Kings 17:25-28.
11. Did they still continue to worship other gods? II Kings 17:29-33.

Lesson For Sabbath, May 9, 2015

KINGS OF JUDAH

Scripture Reading: II Chronicles 22:1-12.
Golden Text: Proverbs 7:2.

NOTE: The Kingdom of Judah was in the south, Jerusalem, and was made up of two tribes: Judah and Benjamin (I Kings 12:23).

1. Who reigned over the land after Ahaziah was slain by Jehu? II Chronicles 22:10-12.
2. After Joash was hidden for six years, what did Jehoiada the priest do for Judah? II Chronicles 23:1-3, 8-11.
3. Was there a revival under Jehoiada the priest? II Chronicles 23:16-21.
4. How long did Joash reign and did he do what was right? II Chronicles 24:1-3.
5. After the priest died, what do we learn? II Chronicles 24:17-19.
6. What happened to Zechariah, the son of Jehoiada the priest? II Chronicles 24:20-22.
7. Did Syria come up against Judah and Jerusalem? II Chronicles 24:23-25.
8. Who reigned for twenty nine years after Joash? II Chronicles 25:1.
9. We read that he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, but not with a perfect heart? II Chronicles 25:2-4.
10. What did he do after the slaughter of the Edomites? II Chronicles 25:14-16.
11. How did Amaziah die? II Chronicles 25:26-28.

Lesson For Sabbath, May 16, 2015

KINGS OF JUDAH CONTINUED

Scripture Reading: II Chronicles 26:1-15.
Golden Text: Psalm 105:4.

1. How old was Uzziah when he became king and how long did he reign? II Chronicles 26:1-3.

NOTE: In II Kings 14:21 he is called Azariah.

2. Did he seek the Lord? II Chronicles 26:4-5.
3. Was Uzziah successful in war? II Chronicles 26:6-7.
4. What happened when he became strong? II Chronicles 26:16-21.
5. After the king died, who replaced him? II Chronicles 27:1.
6. Did he please the Lord? II Chronicles 27:2, 5-6.
7. How long was his reign? II Chronicles 27:8-9.
8. Did Ahaz walk after his father Jotham or did he walk after the kings of Israel? II Chronicles 28:1-4.
9. What happened during his reign? II Chronicles 28:5-8.
10. Who interceded at this time? II Chronicles 28:9-11.
11. Were there more invasions? II Chronicles 28:16-18.
12. Why? II Chronicles 28:19.

Lesson For Sabbath, May 23, 2015

KING HEZEKIAH

Scripture Reading: II Chronicles 28:16-27.

Golden Text: Exodus 20:3.

1. Who became the next king of Judah? II Chronicles 29:1.
2. Was there a revival under this king? II Chronicles 29:2-6.
3. Had the wrath of the Lord come upon Judah? II Chronicles 29:8-9.
4. What did Hezekiah propose to do with the Lord? II Chronicles 29:10.
5. After the priests cleansed everything, what do they do at the house of the Lord? II Chronicles 29:20-21, 25, 29.
6. When was the missed Passover celebrated? II Chronicles 30:1-5.
7. What else did they do with gladness? II Chronicles 30:21-23.
8. Was there much sacrificing of animals at this time? II Chronicles 30:24-27.
9. After the Passover, what was done in the cities of Judah? II Chronicles 31:1.
10. What other reforms did this king make? II Chronicles 31:2, 4, 20-21.

Lesson For Sabbath, May 30, 2015

KING HEZEKIAH CONTINUED

Scripture Reading: II Kings 20:1-11.

Golden Text: Proverbs 3:6.

1. Did the king of Assyria come against Judah? II Chronicles 32:1-8.
2. Does Sennacherib try to discourage Judah? II Chronicles 32:17-19.
3. What did the king and the prophet Isaiah do at this time? II Chronicles 32:20.
4. Were their prayers answered? II Chronicles 32:21-23; II Kings 19:36-37.
5. Was Hezekiah exceedingly rich? II Chronicles 32:27-30.
6. Who sent him some letters? II Kings 20:12.
7. How did Hezekiah respond? II Kings 20:13; II Chronicles 32:31.
8. Did the prophet Isaiah question the king about what he had done? II Kings 20:14-15.
9. What pronouncement did Isaiah make? II Kings 20:16-18.
10. How did the king respond? II Kings 20:19.

Lesson For Sabbath, June 6, 2015

KINGS OF JUDAH CONTINUED

Scripture Reading: II Kings 21:1-9.

Golden Text: Psalm 142:1.

1. How old was Manasseh when he followed his father Hezekiah to the throne of Judah? II Chronicles 33:1.
2. Was he a good leader? II Chronicles 33:2.
3. What are some of the evil things he did? II Chronicles 33:3-8.
4. How do the inhabitants of Jerusalem compare to the heathen? II Chronicles 33:9.
5. What happened to Manasseh after the Lord spoke to him and the people? II Chronicles 33:10-11.
6. Did he cry out to the Lord? II Chronicles 33:12-13; Psalm 142:1.
7. How did Manasseh conduct himself after he was returned to Jerusalem? II Chronicles 33:14-16.
8. When he died, who replaced him on the throne? II Kings 21:19.
9. Was he a good king? II Kings 21:20-22.
10. What happened to Amon? II Kings 21:23-26.

Lesson for Sabbath, June 13, 2015

KINGS OF JUDAH CONTINUED

Scripture Reading: II Kings 22:1-13.

Golden Text: Proverbs 28:5.

1. How long did Josiah reign over Judah? II Chronicles 34:1.
2. Was he a good ruler? II Chronicles 34:2.
3. Even though he was a young king, what did he change? II Chronicles 34:3-7.
4. After he broke down the altars and destroyed the graves and graven images, what was next? II Chronicles 34:8.
5. What was discovered? II Chronicles 34:14.
6. How did the king react when the book of the law was read? II Chronicles 34:18-19.
7. What did the prophetess Huldah tell the king? II Chronicles 34:22-28, 33.
8. After Josiah died, who ascended the throne? II Chronicles 36:1.
9. What happened when the king of Egypt came to Jerusalem? II Chronicles 36:2-4.
10. After Jehoiakim became the king, what do we learn? II Chronicles 36:5-7.

Lesson For Sabbath, June 20, 2015

KINGS OF JUDAH CONTINUED

Scripture Reading: II Kings 24:1-10.

Golden Text: Proverbs 29:18.

1. While Jehoiachin was king of Judah what infamous king attacked, and what did he do? II Chronicles 36:8-10.
2. Who did Nebuchadnezzar make king of Judah? II Chronicles 36:10; see also II Kings 24:17.
3. Did Zedekiah serve the Lord? II Chronicles 36:11-12.
4. Did Zedekiah even serve the king of Babylon? II Chronicles 36:13.
5. How did the priests and the people act during this reign? II Chronicles 36:14.
6. Did the people receive the messengers of the Lord? II Chronicles 36:15-16.
7. After they mocked the messengers of God, what took place? II Chronicles 36:17-18.
8. How is this recorded in II Kings? II Kings 25:1-7.
9. What did the invaders do to the house of God? II Chronicles 36:19.
10. Was prophecy fulfilled? II Chronicles 36:20-21; II Kings 25:21.

Lesson For Sabbath, June 27, 2015

THE DISPERSION OF JUDAH

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 25:1-14.

Golden Text: Deuteronomy 28:64.

1. Did the Lord God try to reason with the people of Judah? II Chronicles 36:15-16.
2. How does Daniel the prophet record what happened next? Daniel 1:1-2.
3. Were some of the children that were carried away related to the king of Judah? Daniel 1:3-6.
4. Were these four children blessed by God? Daniel 1:17, 20.
5. How long was Daniel close to the king of Babylon? Daniel 1:21.
NOTE: A footnote says Daniel was in captivity for over seventy years.
6. What happened after the seventy years? Jeremiah 25:12; Daniel 5:22-23.
7. Did Cyrus the king of Persia make a proclamation? II Chronicles 36:22-23.
8. How does Ezra record what happened next? Ezra 1:5-7.
9. Does Darius the king (Medes) confirm the decree of Cyrus? Ezra 6:1-3, 7-9.
10. Were the children of the captivity able to restore and dedicate the temple? Ezra 6:15-18.
11. Was the Passover restored as well? Ezra 6:19.