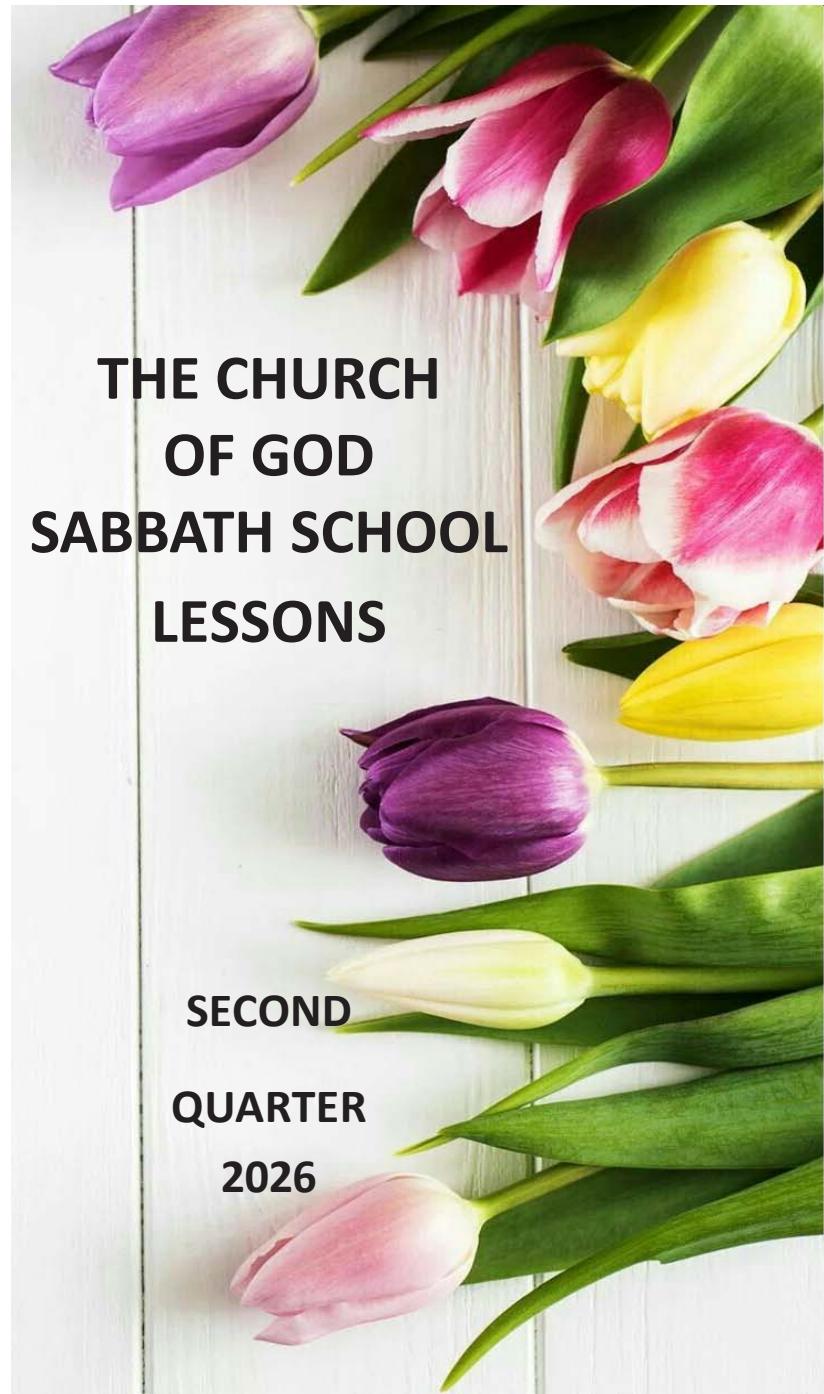


THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 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

While God used prophets throughout history, He also had judges and priests and kings to help guide Israel in particular and mankind in general. We will learn there were good judges and priests. But unfortunately, there were bad ones as well.

What is of particular note is that when the leader was good and strong, Israel flourished, but when they were weak, Israel suffered. Scripture also tells us of a time when "...every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25).

Since our Priest, Jesus, is the "...head of the body..." (Colossians 1:18), let us faithfully follow Him and not our own desires.

Lesson For Sabbath, April 4, 2026

MELCHIZEDEK

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 7.
Golden Text: Psalm 110:4.

1. Who appeared to Abram (later Abraham) after he had defeated Chedorlaomer and the other kings? Genesis 14:18 (first part).

NOTE: The bread and wine foreshadow the bread and cup Jesus instituted as the Lord's Supper.

2. For whom was he a priest? Genesis 14:18 (second part).

NOTE: Melchizedek means "king of righteousness", and Salem translates to "peace".

3. After receiving a blessing from this priest, what did Abram do in return? Genesis 14:19-20; Hebrews 7:1-2.

4. Who were Melchizedek's parents? Hebrews 7:3 (first part).

5. Who was he made like? Hebrews 7:3 (second part).

6. What are we told about Jesus in connection with this man? Hebrews 5:5-6.

7. Did the Levitical priesthood bring perfection? Hebrews 7:11.

8. Was Jesus from the tribe of Levi? Matthew 1:1-2; Genesis 49:10; Micah 5:2; Hebrews 7:14.

9. When Abram paid tithes to Melchizedek, what did this show us? Hebrews 7:4-10.

NOTE: The Melchizedek priesthood is superior to the Levitical priesthood, and that is why Jesus is "an high priest after the order of Melchizedek" and not Aaron.

10. Why is this necessary? Hebrews 7:15-17.

11. What happened to the Levitical priests? Hebrews 7:23.

12. What is said of Jesus? Hebrews 8:1-2, 6.

Lesson For Sabbath, April 11, 2026

UNDER THE MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD

Scripture Reading: Genesis 14.
Golden Text: Hebrews 7:3.

NOTE: The Melchizedek Priesthood was in effect from creation until the Mosaic law was added (Galatians 3:19).

1. What was found lying in front of Cain's door? Genesis 4:7.
2. What were the men of Sodom called? Genesis 13:13; 18:20.
3. When Abraham told Abimelech that Sarah was his sister, what took place? Genesis 20:1-9.

NOTE: In all the previous references, man knew about sin--well before Sinai.

4. Did Noah question the Lord when he was told to take seven pairs of clean beasts versus one pair of unclean beasts? Genesis 7:1-5.
5. What did Jacob promise to give to God? Genesis 28:20-22.
6. While we baptize people today, what covenant did God make with Abraham? Genesis 17:9-14.
7. How did Noah and Abraham compare with other people in their time on the earth? Genesis 6:5-9; 12:1-3; 15:1.
8. What did the Lord know about Abraham? Genesis 18:17-19.
9. When the two angels arrived at Sodom, what did Lot do for them? Genesis 19:1-3.
10. Did Abraham believe in resurrection? Hebrews 11:17-19; Genesis 22:5.

NOTE: He indicated they would both be back.

Lesson For Sabbath, April 18, 2026

LEVITICAL

Scripture Reading: Exodus 28:1-25.
Golden Text: I Peter 2:9.

1. What tribe was Aaron from? Exodus 4:14.
2. What function did he perform for Moses? Exodus 4:16, 29-31.
3. After becoming the high priest, how was he to be dressed? Exodus 29:5-7.
4. What was to be on the hem of Aaron's robe? Exodus 28:31-35; 39:24-26.
5. Who else were priests, and how long was their service in this office? Exodus 29:8-9.
6. Part of the high priest's garments included a breastplate with set stones. What did they represent? Exodus 39:8-14; 28:29.
7. What are we told about the continual burnt offering? Exodus 29:38-39, 42; Leviticus 6:8-11.
8. After the children of Israel were numbered, what were they required to give? Exodus 30:11-16.
9. What happened to Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron? Leviticus 10:1-2.
10. Why did this happen to them? Leviticus 6:12-13.

NOTE: Strong's indicates that "strange" means a profane act. It is self will instead of God's will.

Lesson For Sabbath, April 25, 2026

UNDER THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD

Scripture Reading: Exodus 29:1-25.

Golden Text: Hebrews 7:11-12.

1. What are we told about the holy garments for Aaron? Exodus 39:1-3, 27-29.
2. What was written on the holy crown that Aaron wore? Exodus 39:30.
3. How was the priest to handle a sin offering? Leviticus 4:1-7; Hebrews 13:11-12.
4. Under the Levitical priesthood Aaron was the high priest. Who is it today?
Leviticus 8:6-9; Hebrews 3:1.
5. Why was it necessary for the priests to shed the blood of animals?
Hebrews 9:19-22.
6. Did Moses explain the dietary laws to the people? Leviticus 11:1-4, 9-12.
- NOTE: He also explained about birds and creeping things. For your own study, read verses 13 to 27; also Deuteronomy 14:3-21.*
7. How can we make ourselves abominable? Leviticus 11:43-47; Isaiah 66:17; Revelation 21:7-8.
8. What are we told about the tithe of the Lord? Leviticus 27:30-32.
9. How are priests to conduct themselves? Leviticus 21:1, 4-6.
10. What about the high priest? Leviticus 21:10-15.
11. How about physical disqualifications? Leviticus 21:16-24.

Lesson For Sabbath, May 2, 2026

LEVI'S PORTION

Scripture Reading: Numbers 18:1-32.

Golden Text: Joshua 14:5.

1. Who was responsible for dividing the land for the tribes of Israel?
Joshua 14:1.
2. How was this accomplished? Joshua 14:2.
3. What portion did Levi receive? Joshua 14:3-4; 13:14.
4. Did Joshua see to it that the Levites received their inheritance?
Joshua 21:1-3.
5. What else were the Levites given? Numbers 35:1-6.
- NOTE: The cities of refuge were a place of safety until the high priest died. Then the "slayer" could return home.*
6. Who could live in the cities of refuge? Numbers 35:15.
7. What food is specifically for the high priest and his sons? Exodus 29:26-33.
8. What did Nehemiah see when he returned to Jerusalem? Nehemiah 13:10; Malachi 3:7-10.
9. What did Nehemiah do next? Nehemiah 13:11-12.
10. How did he instruct them about the Sabbath? Nehemiah 13:22.

Lesson For Sabbath, May 9, 2026

"OTHER" PRIESTS

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 22:1-16. Golden Text: I Kings 12:31.

NOTE: The Lord was specific about the requirements of the priesthood. Jeroboam totally ignored this and set up golden calves to be worshipped as well.

1. What did Ezra say about the men who were not reckoned by genealogy in the returning remnant? Ezra 2:61-62; Nehemiah 7:63-64.
2. Why did Nehemiah chase one of the sons of Joiada away from him? Nehemiah 13:23-28.
3. What did Nehemiah say to God? Nehemiah 13:29-31.
4. Who was Joseph's father-in-law? Genesis 41:45,50; 46:20. On was another name for the Egyptian Heliopolis or "City of Sun."
5. Where was Jethro a priest? Exodus 2:16; 3:1.
6. When Jehoiada made a covenant between the Lord, the king and the people, what happened? II Kings 11:17-18.
7. How did Jehu accomplish the same thing? II Kings 10:19-23.
8. What did Jehu tell the eighty men he left outside the service to Baal to do? II Kings 10:24.
9. Was he successful? II Kings 10:25-28.
10. What was promised to Jehu, and what did he do? II Kings 10:30-31.

Lesson For Sabbath, May 16, 2026

JUDGES

Scripture Reading: Judges 2:1-19. Golden Text: Leviticus 19:15.

1. Who was Othniel? Judges 3:9-10.

2. What happened after Othniel died? Judges 3:12-14.

NOTE: With the lack of a strong leader or judge, Israel became a backsliding and evil, false god serving group. Would we do the same? I'm afraid we would. Pray for strength.

3. Did Israel have a woman for a judge? Judges 4:1-5.
4. What did Deborah and Barak do after Israel's victory? Judges 5:1-3.
5. How did Gideon react when the angel of the Lord appeared to him? Judges 6:11-13.

NOTE: Gideon had heard about the miracles, (Exodus 12:25-27), but thought the Lord had forsaken them (Exodus 32:11-14).

6. What did Gideon request of Israel after they won a particular battle? Judges 8:22-26.
7. Did this turn out to be a good or bad thing? Judges 8:27.
8. After Gideon died, what happened? Judges 8:33-35.
9. Who was Jephthah's mother, and how was he treated? Judges 11:1-2.
10. When the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together to battle their brethren, what was unusual about some of the men of Gibeah? Judges 20:14-17.

Lesson For Sabbath, May 23, 2026

ELI

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 2:1-25.
Golden Text: Ecclesiastes 9:10.

1. While Eli the priest was in charge, what was happening to Samuel? I Samuel 2:26.
2. Of what was Eli reminded? I Samuel 2:27-28.
3. Because his sons were evil, what was foretold? I Samuel 2:31-34.
4. What did the Philistines do to the ark? I Samuel 4:5-11.
5. How did the news affect Eli? I Samuel 4:15-18.
6. What happened to Eli's daughter-in-law? I Samuel 4:19-22.

NOTE: Strong's says Ichabod means there is "No Glory."

7. What did we learn about the ark when the tabernacle was first set up? Exodus 40:17, 21, 33-35.
8. How does Paul describe the temple in Ephesians? Ephesians 2:19-22.
9. How long did the Philistines keep the ark? I Samuel 6:1-3.
10. What did Samuel say to the children of Israel? I Samuel 7:3-6.

Lesson For Sabbath, May 30, 2026

SAMUEL

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 3.
Golden Text: I Samuel 1:20.

1. What did Hannah vow? I Samuel 1:11.
2. Did she remember her vow? I Samuel 1:24-28; Psalm 50:14-15.
3. When Samuel was ministering unto the Lord before Eli, what happened? I Samuel 3:8-10, 20.
4. How long did Samuel judge Israel? I Samuel 7:15-17.
5. Did Samuel's sons follow in his ways? I Samuel 8:1-3.
6. What did the people request of Samuel? I Samuel 8:4-6.
7. Was this a rejection of Samuel? I Samuel 8:7-8.
8. Of what did he remind them? I Samuel 8:9-18.
9. Did any of what Samuel said change the people's mind? I Samuel 8:19-22.
10. Who was chosen king? I Samuel 9:1-2.

Lesson For Sabbath, June 6, 2026

SAMUEL AND KING SAUL

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 9.

Golden Text: Romans 13:1.

1. What did Samuel do to establish Saul as the king? I Samuel 10:1, 24.

2. What else was going to happen to Saul? I Samuel 10:6.

3. What does Samuel proclaim before all the people? I Samuel 12:1-5.

4. If Israel will fear the Lord, what will happen? I Samuel 12:14.

5. If they will not obey? I Samuel 12:15.

NOTE: Does this sound familiar? See Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 15. We have choices. Pray that we make the right one. Remember, Israel suffered for making the wrong one.

6. What did Samuel demonstrate to the people because of their wickedness? I Samuel 12:16-18.

7. When Samuel did not come to Gilgal right away, what did Saul do? I Samuel 13:8-9.

8. How did Samuel react when he did arrive? I Samuel 13:10-14.

9. What was Saul told to do about Amalek? I Samuel 15:1-3.

10. Did Saul obey the Lord? I Samuel 15:7-11.

Lesson for Sabbath, June 13, 2026

SAMUEL AND KING SAUL, CONTINUED

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 14:1-23.

Golden Text: Romans 8:31.

1. After Saul's disobedience, what did Samuel say to him? I Samuel 15:13-23.

2. What else happened? I Samuel 15:28.

3. When Goliath challenged Israel, what are we told? I Samuel 17:11.

4. What did Saul give David to go and fight the giant Goliath? I Samuel 17:38-39.

NOTE: The word "proved" means "try". David had not used this armor and was not used to it. Therefore, he went without it.

5. Where was Samuel buried? I Samuel 25:1; 28:3.

6. Later on, when the Philistines gathered themselves together, what did Saul do? I Samuel 28:4-6.

7. When the Lord did not answer Saul, where did he go? I Samuel 28:7.

8. Who did he ask her to conjure up? I Samuel 28:11.

NOTE: Samuel is dead and Saul perceived (verse 14) that it was him. It was not. It was a familiar spirit.

9. What did the spirit tell him? I Samuel 28:18-19.

10. Did it come to pass? I Samuel 31:1-4.

Lesson For Sabbath, June 20, 2026

KING DAVID

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 16.

Golden Text: Acts 13:22.

1. What was David told about Goliath? I Samuel 17:25.
2. How did David respond? I Samuel 17:26.
3. While David did not use Saul's armor, what did he take into battle against the Philistines? I Samuel 17:40; Mark 9:23.
4. Why else did it please Saul that David would marry his daughter, Michal? I Samuel 18:20-21.
5. When David heard of the death of Saul and Jonathan, what did he do? II Samuel 1:11-12.
6. How old was David when he became king? II Samuel 5:1-5.
7. What does David tell Nathan the prophet? II Samuel 7:1-3.
8. What was the Lord's response? II Samuel 7:4-13.
9. When David loses a child, what does he say? II Samuel 12:21-23.
10. When David sinned against the Lord, what did he write? Psalm 51.

NOTE: We can almost feel his remorse when we read this work.

Lesson For Sabbath, June 27, 2026

OUR SOON COMING KING

Scripture Reading: John 18:15-36.

Golden Text: John 18:37.

1. What did Isaiah say about Jesus' kingdom? Isaiah 9:6-7.
2. How else did he describe Jesus? Isaiah 28:16.
3. When interpreting the king's vision what does Daniel say about the "stone"? Daniel 2:34-35.
NOTE: Scofield says that a mountain is a biblical symbol for a kingdom. See Isaiah 2:2.
4. When Jesus was preaching during His ministry, what was His message? Isaiah 61:1-2; Matthew 9:35; 10:5-7.
5. Why did Jesus speak in parables? Matthew 13:10-11; Mark 4:10-12.
6. When Jesus returned to His Father, what was He going to do? John 14:1-3.
NOTE: The kingdom was not prepared yet.
7. What did Jesus accomplish while He was here? I John 3:8; Hebrews 2:14.
8. Is Jesus a King? Matthew 27:11; John 18:36-37.
9. Are we joint-heirs with Christ? Romans 8:14-17; Revelation 5:8-10.
10. As a King, who are His subjects? Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:9-11; Revelation 15:1-3; 19:11-16.