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Questions and Answers ON THE BOOK OF MORMON.

REIGN OF THE JUDGES.

LESSON LXXXVII

Q.—Did Leonti surround the army of the king as Amalickiah had proposed?

A.—Yes; and when the king's troops were surrounded they asked Amalickiah to surrender them up.

Q.—Did Amalickiah surrender the forces of the king to Leonti?

A.—Yes, it being the very thing he desired to do.

Q.—What custom is mentioned as existing in those days?

A.—When a chief leader dies the second leader was appointed to take his place.

Q.—Knowing this what did Amalickiah do?

A.—He caused poison to be administered to Leonti.

Q.—When he was dead who took command?

A.—The armies appointed Amalickiah to the office of chief leader.

Q.—When this was done what did he do?

A.—He marched with his armies to the chief city of the land.

Q.—What did the king do?

A.—Thinking Amalickiah had gathered this army to obey his commands, he and his guards went out to meet him.

Q.—What did Amalickiah do?

A.—He sent forward his servants to meet the king?

Q.—How did they act on meeting the king?

A.—They fell to the earth.

Q.—When the king went to raise them from the ground, according to custom, what did the first servant do?

A.—He stabbed the king to the heart.

Q.—When the servants of the king saw this, what did they do?

A.—They fled into the city.

Q.—What cry did the servants of Amalickiah then raise?

A.—They accused the servants of the king of this crime.

Q.—What did the armies do?

A.—They approached the place where the king lay.

Q.—Assuming anger, what did Amalickiah do?

A.—He exhorted all who loved the king to pursue his murderers.

Q.—What was the result of this exhortation?

A.—Many started in pursuit of the king's supposed murderers.

Q.—When the servants saw an army following them what did they do?

A.—They fled into the wilderness, and finally joined the people of Ammon.

Q.—What did Amalickiah do the next day?

A.—He entered the city with his armies.

Q.—When the queen heard of his entrance into the city, what did she do?

A.—She sent to him, asking him to come to her, and to bring witnesses to testify concerning the king's murder.

Q.—Did he do as the queen had requested?

A.—Yes, taking among others the very man who had stabbed the king.

Q.—When they had given their testimony, calling the king's own servants the murderers, how did the queen feel?

A.—She was satisfied of the guilt of the persons who had fled.

Q.—What did Amalickiah do next?

A.—He married the queen, thus becoming the acknowledged king.

Q.—Over what people did he rule?

A.—Over all the dissenters of the Nephites and all the Lamanites.

Q.—How did these dissenters feel after they left the Nephites?

A.—They were more wicked and hardened in their hearts than the Lamanites.

Questions and Answers ON THE BIBLE.

FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL.

LESSON LXXXVII.

Q.—What then happened in Shiloh?

A.—The Lord appeared again, and revealed himself to Samuel and gave his word.

Q.—By whom were the Israelites overcome at Eben-ezer?

A.—By the Philistines.

Q.—How many of the Israelites were slain?

A.—Four thousand.

Q.—What did they then do?

A.—They took the ark of the Lord into the camp?

Q.—Who were with the ark?

A.—The two sons of Eli.

Q.—What effect did this have on the Philistines?

A.—They were afraid, and roused themselves to fight with greater energy.

Q.—What was the result?

A.—"There fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen."

Q.—What besides?

A.—"And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas were slain."

Q.—What happened to Eli when he heard the tidings?

A.—He fell from his seat and broke his neck.

Q.—How old was Eli when he died?

A.—Ninety-eight years.

Q.—How long did he judge Israel?

A.—Forty years.

Q.—What name did his daughter-in-law Phinehas' wife give her son before she died?

A.—Ishabod.

Q.—What did she say when giving the name?

A.—"The glory is departed from Israel; for the ark of God is taken."

Q.—To what place did the Philistines carry the ark of God?

A.—Unto Ashdod.

Q.—Into what house did they place the ark?

A.—The house of Dagon.

Q.—Who was Dagon?

A.—The god of the Philistines.

Q.—What did the people of Ashdod find early on the morrow?

A.—"Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the Lord."

Q.—What did they then do?

A.—"They took Dagon and set him in his place again."

Q.—What did they discover the next morning?

A.—Dagon had fallen again, his head and limbs severed, only the stump remaining.

Q.—What happened to the people of Ashdod themselves?

A.—The hand of the Lord was heavy upon them and he destroyed them.

Q.—What did the men of Ashdod say when they saw these things?

A.—"The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us; for his hand is sore upon us and upon Dagon our god."

Q.—What did the lords of the Philistines then do with the ark?

A.—They carried it unto Gath.

Q.—What was the result?

A.—"The hand of the Lord was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great."

Q.—What was then done with the ark of God?

A.—They sent it to Ekron.

Q.—What was the cry of the Ekronites?

A.—"They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people."