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Questions and Answers

ON THE BIBLE.

FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL.

LESSON LXXXVIII.

- Q.—What did they ask the lords of the Philistines to do?
 A.—To send the ark back to its own place.
 Q.—Why were they so urgent?
 A.—Because there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city.
 Q.—How long did the ark of the Lord remain in the country of the Philistines?
 A.—Seven months.
 Q.—Whom did the Philistines then call?
 A.—The priests and the diviners.
 Q.—Why did they call them?
 A.—To know what should be done with the ark.
 Q.—What did they say to the Philistines?
 A.—“If we send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty but in anywise return him a trespass offering.”
 Q.—How did the Philistines follow the instructions of the priests and the diviners?
 A.—They put the jewels of gold for a trespass offering in a coffer by the side of the ark and sent it away.
 Q.—Where did the cart upon which was placed the ark and which was drawn by two milk kine come to?
 A.—Into the field of Joshua, a Beth-shemite.
 Q.—What stood in that field?
 A.—A great stone.
 Q.—What was placed on that stone?
 A.—“The ark of the Lord and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were.”
 Q.—Who put them on the stone?
 A.—The Levites.
 Q.—What was this stone called?
 A.—The great stone of Abel.
 Q.—What did the men of Beth-shemesh do?
 A.—They offered burnt offerings and sacrifices unto the Lord the same day.
 Q.—How many of the lords of the Philistines were there?
 A.—Five.
 Q.—When they saw the sacrifices what did they do?
 A.—They returned to Ekron the same day.
 Q.—What did the men of Beth-shemesh do that displeased the Lord?
 A.—They broke into the ark of the Lord.
 Q.—How did he punish them?
 A.—“He smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men.”
 Q.—What did the men of Beth-shemesh do after this?
 A.—They sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim.
 Q.—What did they say?
 A.—“The Philistines have brought again the ark of the Lord; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.”
 Q.—Where did the men of Kirjath-jearim take the ark of the Lord?
 A.—Into the house of Abinadab.
 Q.—Who was sanctified to keep the ark of the Lord?
 A.—Eleazar his son.
 Q.—How long did the ark abide in Kirjath-jearim?
 A.—Twenty years.
 Q.—What did all the house of Israel do?
 A.—They lamented after the Lord.
 Q.—What did Samuel tell them to do, if they truly desired to return unto the Lord?
 A.—To put away all strange gods, and thus prepare their hearts to serve the Lord only.

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ON THE BOOK OF MORMON.

REIGN OF THE JUDGES.

LESSON LXXXVIII.

- Q.—When Amalickiah obtained the kingdom what did he begin to do?
 A.—He began to stir up the Lamanites in anger against the Nephites.
 Q.—What was his object in this?
 A.—He wanted to bring the Nephites into bondage.
 Q.—Did he succeed in his plan?
 A.—Yes; he raised a large army to accomplish his purposes.
 Q.—Whom did he appoint as chief captains?
 A.—Men from the Zoramites.
 Q.—Why was this?
 A.—They were better informed concerning the strong and weak places of the Nephites.
 Q.—In what year were these things done?
 A.—In the latter part of the nineteenth year of the reign of the judges.
 Q.—When Amalickiah had his army prepared what did he do?
 A.—He moved it into the wilderness towards the land of Zarahemla.
 Q.—While he was engaged in making these preparations what did Moroni do?
 A.—He fortified all the cities, and made the weak places the strongest.
 Q.—On what day were the Lamanites seen to approach the Nephites?
 A.—On the tenth day of the eleventh month in the nineteenth year of the judges' reign.
 Q.—What city did they attack first?
 A.—Ammonihah.
 Q.—What can you say concerning this city?
 A.—It had been re-built, and there was a wall of dirt built all around it.
 Q.—Why and by whom was it destroyed, before it was re-built?
 A.—The Lamanites destroyed it because of the iniquity of the people.
 Q.—How did the troops of Amalickiah feel when approaching the city?
 A.—Having destroyed it once, they supposed it would again fall an easy prey to them.
 Q.—What were their feelings when they saw the city fortified?
 A.—They were much disappointed, but were surprised at the wisdom of the Nephites.
 Q.—How were the warriors of Amalickiah armed?
 A.—They fought with slings and bows; and shields, breastplates and clothing of skins protected their bodies.
 Q.—Did Amalickiah accompany his army on this expedition?
 A.—No, he remained in the land of Nephi.
 Q.—As he did not care for the blood of his people, what would he probably have done, had he been there?
 A.—He would likely have caused his army to attack the city, fortified as it was.
 Q.—But what did his chief captains think best to do under the circumstances?
 A.—Fearing to attack the city they decided to retreat and go to the land of Noah.
 Q.—Why did they go to that land?
 A.—Because it was formerly a very weak place, and they hoped to destroy the people.
 Q.—What did the captains do before reaching the land?
 A.—They swore that they would destroy the people and city of Noah.