

LESSONS FROM THE FORMER PROPHETS PRINCIPLES ADDUCED FROM HISTORICAL EVENTS

The words “It came to pass” or “It happened” occur frequently in the Samuels. The little adjunct tells us that history is God in action and from it lasting lessons or enduring principles are to be learned.

Here are 40 such settings in a sort of syllabus of events the reader might like further to examine for its doctrinal or practical value to the Christian today.

The contexts below teach:-

1. Consecrated living 1 1-20
2. Effectual prayer 1 9-18
3. God’s provision of leaders for His people 1 19-28
4. There is a danger that spiritual light may dim in time 3 1-14
5. The LORD speaks emphatically 3 9-14
6. Godly men are effectual 3 19-21
7. The LORD’S will prevails-He is sovereign 4.1-2
8. At God’s presence enemies flee 4 3-9
9. Wrong living leads to defeat 4 10-11
10. The LORD abhors violence(cf The deluge) 4 12-18
11. The LORD alone is God (The bible knows no syncretism) 5.1-9
12. Atonement is of the essence of life 5 10-12
13. The LORD will challenge paganism 6 1-21
14. Repentance not Lament has spiritual value 7 1-3
15. Godliness produces peaceful living 7 13-17
16. Spirituality is not hereditary 8 1-5
17. The morning watch bears fruit 9 25-27
18. Spirit-filled people impact life 10 1-8
19. Real prophets go on 10 9-13
20. Satan seeks idlers 11 1-5
21. Sin hinders prayer 12 15-20
22. The LORD demands patience or perseverance 13 1-10
23. It is nothing to the LORD to save by many **or few** 13 19-23
24. The humble do exploits 14 1-3
25. Faith puts armies to flight 14 14-23
26. Our God is love-man a critic 15 10-23
27. The LORD chooses to raise up unlikely people 16 6-13
28. Praise is as medicine 16 19-23
29. Experience is never lost 17 32-40
30. (Christian) Warfare demands vigilance 17 48-58
31. Some will hate you some will love you for your faith 18 5-9
32. Conviction of sin without remedy is as torture 18 10-11
33. Spiritual wisdom is first priority 18 12-21
34. Human love disappoints-the love of our God assures 18 17-21
35. Wars will go on till Shiloh comes 19 8-11
36. A soft answer counteracts wrath 24 16-22
37. The LORD produces apparent coincidence 25 18-31
38. the LORD’S judgment is fitly timed 25 36-38
39. The righteous will be separated from the wicked 28 1-2
40. Providence favours the righteous 30 1-2