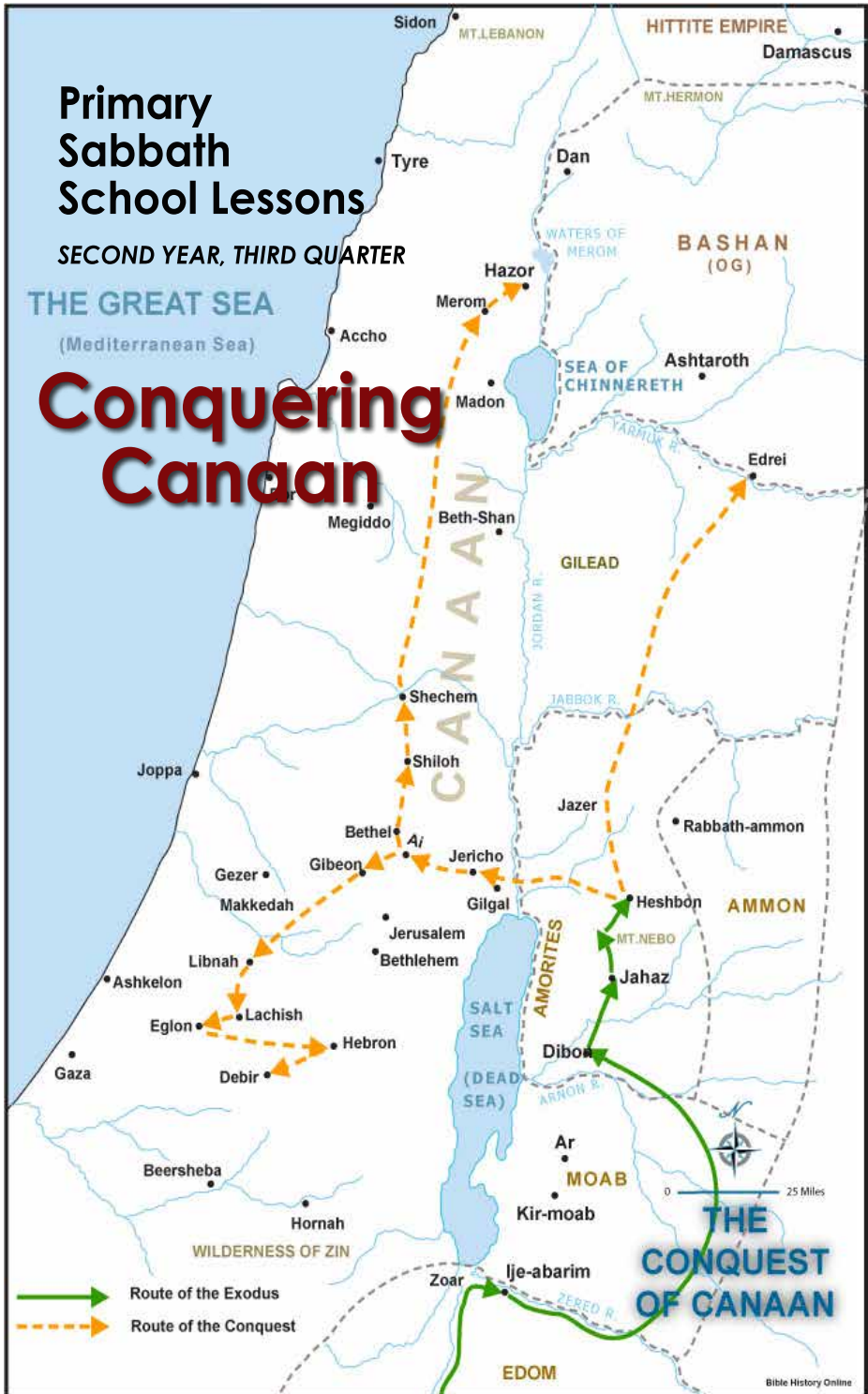


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Lesson 1

THE LAND OF CANAAN

PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 472-475

1. What kind of land did God give the children of Israel? Fill in the missing letters from Deuteronomy 8:7 to find out.

“For the Lord Thy God bringeth thee into a ___o___ d l ___ ____,
a land of ___ro___k___ of w___ ___e___, of ___ou___ta___ ____,
and depths that spring out of ___al___e___ __ and h___ ___ls.”

2. What kind of food grew there? Look up Deuteronomy 8:8, and fill in the missing letters from the different foods and plants:

___om___ ___r___n___t___ ____, ___ar___e___, ___h___ ___t___,
___ ___ve___, ___ ___n___y___, ___i___e___, ___ ___g___t___e___ __.

3. Would there be enough food in the land? Deuteronomy 8:9, first part.



DRAW YOUR THREE FAVORITE FRUITS.

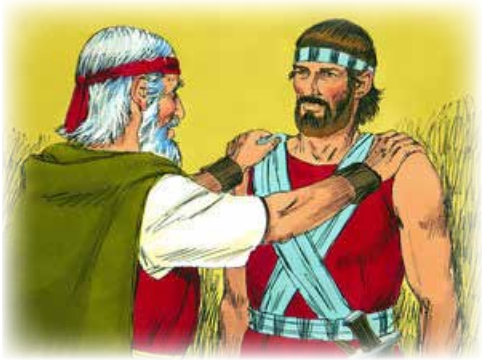
4. What metals would they be able to dig from the soil so they could make tools and other things? Deuteronomy 8:9, second part.
5. What were the people to do when they received all these good things? Deuteronomy 8:10.



DRAW A PICTURE OF WHAT "BLESS THE LORD" MEANS TO YOU.

6. What danger was there especially for the children in Israel? Deuteronomy 8:11, 12, 14, 17.

All of the wonderful things they would receive in Canaan were direct gifts from God. If they would obey Him and not go after other gods, as the heathen did, they would never lose these good things.



Lesson 2

JOSHUA

1. After Moses, whom did God choose to be Israel's leader? Joshua 1:1.
2. God promised Joshua that He would be with him as He was with _____. He said He would not _____ or _____ Joshua. Joshua 1:5.
3. What was Joshua's main responsibility in the new land? Joshua 1:6.
4. What was Joshua to make sure that he "did according to"? Joshua 1:7, first part.
5. God said Joshua should not turn from the law "to the right hand or to the left." What does that mean? Joshua 1:7, middle part.

6. How would Joshua be blessed when he was obedient and did everything according to the law? Joshua 1:7, last part.

Israel was to settle in Canaan under God's guidance and care. At that time, Canaan was located in the center of all the countries in the world. God wanted them to form a nation and have a government that would show what His kingdom is like. But Israel was not just to receive the true religion for itself; it was placed in Canaan so it would be an example and spread God's principles throughout the whole world. The people were to be an example and blessing to the heathen—and were not to copy and accept the ways of the idol worshipers.

7. Read the note below and circle 10 characteristics that made Joshua a good leader. Then choose five of them, and write one beside each number. Write the meaning to the right of the word. (Hint: Use a dictionary, or ask Mom or Dad to help you figure them out.)

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| 4. | 4. |
| 5. | 5. |

"Joshua was now the acknowledged leader of Israel. He had been known chiefly as a warrior, and his gifts and virtues were especially valuable at this stage in the history of his people. Courageous, resolute, and persevering, prompt, incorruptible, unmindful of selfish interests in his care for those committed to his charge, and, above all, inspired by a living faith in God—such was the character of the man divinely chosen to conduct the armies of Israel in their entrance upon the Promised Land. During the sojourn in the wilderness he had acted as prime minister to Moses, and by his quiet, unpretending fidelity, his steadfastness when others wavered, his firmness to maintain the truth in the midst of danger, he had given evidence of his fitness to succeed Moses, even before he was called to the position by the voice of God.

"It was with great anxiety and self-distrust that Joshua had looked forward to the work before him;..." —*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 481, 482.



Lesson 3



TWO SPIES SENT TO JERICO

PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 482, 483, 491

1. Israel was now camped at the Jordan, which they would have to cross to enter Canaan, the promised land. What city was just a few miles away?

“A few miles beyond the river, just opposite the place where the Israelites were encamped, was the large and strongly fortified city of Jericho.” –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 482.

2. Joshua sent two men to find out what Jericho was like. Why did he do that? What was the objective of the spies? Joshua 2:1.



DRAW A PICTURE OF JERICO WITH ITS HIGH WALLS.

3. In whose house did the two men spend the night? Joshua 2:1.
4. When the king of Jericho heard that spies had come from Israel to search out the country, what did he command? Joshua 2:3.
5. Did Rahab turn the men over to the king of Jericho? Where did she hide them? Joshua 2:4-6.
6. When the men who were looking for the two spies had left, what did she do for them, since the city gates were shut? Joshua 2:15, 16.
7. Why were the people of Jericho and the other Canaanites so afraid of Israel? Joshua 2:9-11.
8. Rahab cared for the two spies from Israel because she feared and wanted to obey God. How was she rewarded for helping the spies? Joshua 2:12-14; 6:25.
9. What report did the spies carry back to Joshua? Joshua 2:24.
10. How was their report different from the one that the ten spies without faith had given to Moses forty years before? Numbers 13:31.





Lesson 4



CROSSING THE JORDAN

PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 481-486

1. It was now time for Israel to cross the Jordan River into Canaan. What were the people instructed to do?

“Orders were now issued to make ready for an advance. The people were to prepare a three days’ supply of food, and the army was to be put in readiness for battle....

“Joshua, by divine direction, commanded the people to sanctify themselves; they must put away their sins and free themselves from all outward impurity; ‘for tomorrow,’ he said, ‘the Lord will do wonders among you.’” –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 483.

2. How would the people know when to start across the Jordan?
Joshua 3:3.



3. How much empty space was there to be between the ark and the people? Joshua 3:4. How many feet was this (Hint: a cubit is about 20.4 inches)?
4. What time of year was it, and how full was the river? Joshua 3:15.
5. What happened as the priests placed their feet in the swift waters of the Jordan? Joshua 3:16.



DRAW A PICTURE OF THE PRIESTS STEPPING INTO THE JORDAN RIVER.

6. Where did the priests stand with the ark while the people crossed the river? Joshua 3:17.
7. What other miracle was this like? Exodus 14:21, 22. Were there some among the people who now crossed the Jordan who had also crossed the Red Sea?


“Many of these had passed through the Red Sea when they were children. Now they pass over Jordan, men of war, fully equipped for battle.” –*The Story of Redemption*, p. 176.

8. What did the men who were specially chosen for this task take from the middle of the river and carry to the other side? Why did they do this? Joshua 4:5-7.

9. What happened when the priests carrying the ark reached the other side of the river? Joshua 4:18.

"This exercise of divine power in behalf of Israel was designed also to increase the fear with which they were regarded by the surrounding nations, and thus prepare the way for their easier and complete triumph.... To the Canaanites, to all Israel, and to Joshua himself, unmistakable evidence had been given that the living God, the King of heaven and earth, was among His people, and that He would not fail them nor forsake them." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 485.

10. The rite of circumcision and the Passover were carried out now—forty years after the Israelites left Egypt. What happened to the falling of the manna? Joshua 5:12.

 **DRAW THE MONUMENT THAT WAS SET UP WITH STONES TAKEN FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE JORDAN RIVER.**

THOUGHT QUESTION

What lesson does the crossing of the Jordan in the springtime—when the water was at its highest level—have for us today?



Lesson 5

THE FALL OF JERICHO

PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 487-493

1. In Moses' words, what was significant about the cities in Canaan? Deuteronomy 9:1.
2. The first city to be conquered was mighty Jericho. How wicked was this city?

"On the border of a fertile plain abounding with the rich and varied productions of the tropics, its palaces and temples the abode of luxury and vice, this proud city, behind its massive battlements, offered defiance to the God of Israel. Jericho was one of the principal seats of idol worship, being especially devoted to Ashtaroth, the goddess of the moon. Here centered all that was vilest and most degrading in the religion of the Canaanites." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 487.

3. Before beginning the battle against Jericho, as Joshua was praying to God for help, who met him there? Joshua 5:13-15.

"Withdrawing from the encampment to meditate and to pray that the God of Israel would go before His people, he beheld an armed warrior, of lofty stature and commanding presence, 'with His sword drawn in his hand'.... It was Christ, the Exalted One, who stood before the leader of Israel. Awe-stricken, Joshua fell upon his face and worshipped, and heard the assurance, 'I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the

king thereof, and the mighty men of valor,' and he received instruction for the capture of the city." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 487, 488.

4. In what special way was Israel to march against the city? Joshua 6:3-5.



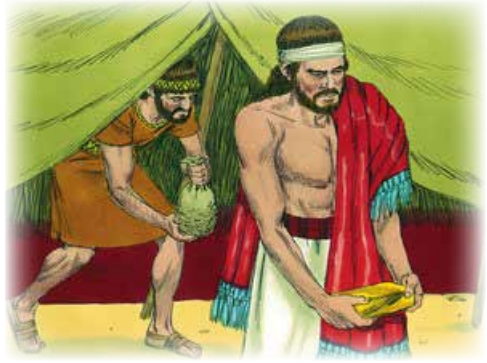
DRAW A PICTURE OF THE ISRAELITES MARCHING AROUND JERICO.

5. On the seventh day, after the people had marched around Jericho seven times, what did they do, and what happened? Joshua 6:20.
6. Who did not die in the city's destruction? Joshua 6:22, 23.
7. What was done with the vessels of gold, silver, brass, and iron? Joshua 6:24.
8. What did the demolished walls of Jericho testify to?

"How easily the armies of heaven brought down the walls of Jericho, that proud city whose bulwarks, forty years before, had struck terror to the unbelieving spies! The Mighty One of Israel had said, 'I have given into thine hand Jericho.' Against that word human strength was powerless." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 492, 493.



Lesson 6



ACHAN

PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 493-498

1. What town did Joshua want to conquer right after the mighty victory at Jericho? Joshua 7:2.
2. Before going against this town, did Joshua and the people pray to God to lead them? What entered their hearts?

"The great victory that God had gained for them had made the Israelites self-confident. Because He had promised them the land of Canaan they felt secure, and failed to realize that divine help alone could give them success. Even Joshua laid his plans for the conquest of Ai without seeking counsel from God." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 493.

3. The city to take was small. It was not necessary for the whole army to go. How many went to battle, and what happened? Joshua 7:4, 5.
4. Joshua and the people were stunned at the defeat. In despair, Joshua went before the Lord to ask why this had happened. What was God's answer? Joshua 7:11, 12.
5. What command had been disobeyed? Joshua 6:18.

6. The hidden sin among the people had to be found. How was the offender found? Joshua 7:14, 15.

“The lot was to be employed for the detection of the guilty. The sinner was not directly pointed out, the matter being left in doubt for a time, that the people might feel their responsibility for the sins existing among them, and thus be led to searching of heart and humiliation before God.” –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 494, 495.

7. On whom did the lot fall? Joshua 7:17, 18.

8. What had he kept for himself from Jericho? Joshua 17:21.

“God, by the might of His own word, had overthrown this stronghold; the conquest was His, and to Him alone the city with all that it contained was to be devoted.

“Of the millions of Israel there was but one man who, in that solemn hour of triumph and of judgment, had dared to transgress the command of God.... One sin had led to another, and he appropriated the gold and silver devoted to the treasury of the Lord—he robbed God of the first fruits of the land of Canaan.” –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 496.

9. What punishment did he receive? Joshua 7:25.

“Achan's sin brought disaster upon the whole nation. For one man's sin the displeasure of God will rest upon His church till the transgression is searched out and put away.” –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 497.

10. When Israel went to battle against Ai again, under God's direction, what was the result? Joshua 8:24.

THOUGHT QUESTIONS

- About what virtues does this lesson tell us?
- What is a first fruit offering? Have you ever given one?



Lesson 7

BLESSINGS AND CURSES

PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 499-504

1. After the execution of the sentence on Achan and the takeover of the city of Ai, all military operations were stopped. What were the people to take time for?

"Military operations were now suspended, that all Israel might engage in a solemn religious service...."

"Before taking possession of their inheritance, they must renew their covenant of loyalty to God." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 499.

2. What had Moses told the people to do when they arrived in Canaan? Deuteronomy 27:4-8.
3. The place in which that solemn worship took place was very special. What type of environment was it?

"The spot chosen was one of the most beautiful in all Palestine, and worthy to be the theater where this grand and impressive scene was to be enacted. The lovely valley, its green fields dotted with olive groves, watered with brooks from living fountains, and gemmed with wild flowers, spread out invitingly between the barren hills. Ebal and Gerizim, upon opposite sides of the valley, nearly approach each other, their lower spurs seeming to form a natural pulpit, every word spoken on one

being distinctly audible on the other, while the mountainsides, receding, afford space for a vast assemblage." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 500.

4. A monument of a huge stone was built on Mount Ebal. What was written there? What was built beside the monument? Joshua 8:32, 30, 31.
5. Then what did Joshua do? Joshua 8:33-35.

"Silence was proclaimed by the sound of the signal trumpet; and then in the deep stillness, and in the presence of this vast assembly, Joshua, standing beside the sacred ark, read the blessings that were to follow obedience to God's law. All the tribes on Gerizim responded by an Amen. He then read the curses, and the tribes on Ebal in like manner gave their assent, thousands upon thousands of voices uniting as the voice of one man in the solemn response. Following this came the reading of the law of God, together with the statutes and judgments that had been delivered to them by Moses." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 500.

6. Every seven years the whole law was to be read to all Israel, as Moses commanded in Deuteronomy 31:10-13. Everyone was to be there—men, women, and children. Parents were to take special care to teach God's way to their children. By studying your Sabbath school lesson every week, are you doing as Moses commanded?

THOUGHT QUESTION

How important is it for everyone to make a commitment with all his heart to follow God in everything?



Lesson 8

A LEAGUE WITH THE GIBEONITES; THE SUN STANDS STILL

PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 505-509

1. After the solemn worship at Shechem, Israel returned to Gilgal. Here some men who claimed to be from a distant land came to see them. What evidence did they show to confirm their claim? Joshua 9:4, 5.
2. What did these men want? Joshua 9:9-11.
3. What is a league? Look this word up in a dictionary.

Although Joshua and the elders of Israel were convinced that the men had come from far away, there were still doubts about whether they were telling the truth.

4. Before making a league with them, what should Joshua have done? Joshua 9:14.

Joshua and all Israel made an agreement with the Gibeonites, including not to fight against them. These people offered themselves as servants.

5. What did Joshua find out three days later? Joshua 9:16.

When Israel reached the cities of Gibeon a few days later, they learned that the men had not told them the truth. But a promise had been made to them in the name of God; and since they promised to serve God, they were allowed to live.

6. Because the representatives of Gibeon had lied, what did they have to become? Joshua 9:23.

It was not necessary for this to happen. God had instructed that the people of any country in Canaan could join Israel and enjoy all the privileges of an Israelite by turning away from idolatry.

7. How was Israel to treat strangers? Leviticus 19:33, 34.

Another king of Canaan was upset when he heard about the league the Gibeonites had made with Israel. He decided to join with some other kings to attack Gibeon, and the inhabitants called Joshua for help.

8. When Joshua asked God what to do, what did He answer? Joshua 10:8.

Israel fought, and God caused a great hail to fall from the sky.

9. What did Joshua pray for when the sun was about to set and more time was needed for the battle? Joshua 10:12.

10. How did God answer this prayer? Joshua 10:13, 14.

God will do great things for people who pray earnestly to Him and ask for His help with complete confidence that He will guide them.

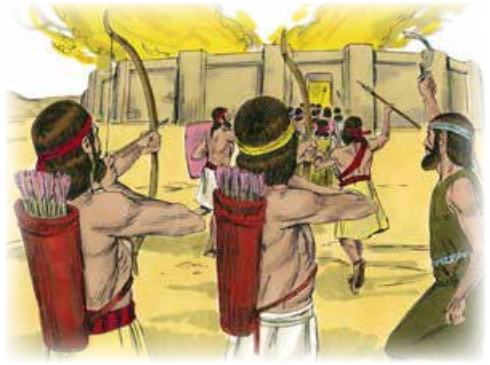
THOUGHT QUESTION

When someone is not honest with you, must you still be honest with him?





Lesson 9



CONQUERING CANAAN

PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 510, 511, 543

The armies and the five kings who joined together to fight against Israel by attacking Gibeon were destroyed when God made the sun to stand still at Joshua's request.

1. Where were those five kings from? Joshua 10:5.
2. After that, other kings united to attack Israel. How large was the army that went against Israel the next time? Joshua 11:4, 5.
3. Even though this was the largest army that Israel had ever faced, what did the Lord promise? Joshua 11:6.
4. What happened to those kings and their cities? Joshua 11:12.
5. How careful was Joshua to conduct everything according to what God had commanded through Moses? Joshua 11:15.

6. God had said that any Canaanite city that would give up idolatry and join with Israel could continue to stay in the land. How many cities were willing to do this? Joshua 11:19, 20.

7. A list of all the kings and cities that were destroyed under Joshua's leadership is given in Joshua 12:9-24. How many were there in all? Joshua 12:24.

8. Why was Israel supposed to destroy all the Canaanites?

"The Canaanites had abandoned themselves to the foulest and most debasing heathenism, and it was necessary that the land should be cleared of what would so surely prevent the fulfillment of God's gracious purposes.

"The inhabitants of Canaan had been granted ample opportunity for repentance.... Like the men before the Flood, the Canaanites lived only to blaspheme Heaven and defile the earth. And both love and justice demanded the prompt execution of these rebels against God and foes to man." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 492.

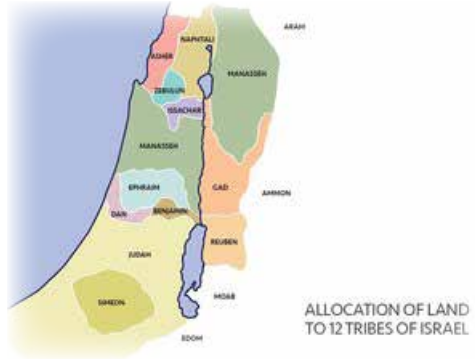
9. Were all of the idol worshipers in Canaan destroyed? What were the tribes responsible to do, and how would God help them?

"Joshua was not, however, to continue the war.... The whole land, both the parts already conquered and that which was yet unsubdued, was to be apportioned among the tribes. And it was the duty of each tribe to fully subdue its own inheritance. If the people should prove faithful to God, He would drive out their enemies from before them;..." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 511.

 **WHAT MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR GOD TO BLESS ISRAEL UNDER JOSHUA'S LEADERSHIP? WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU THINK THIS WAS.**



Lesson 10



DIVISION OF CANAAN; CITIES OF REFUGE

PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 511-517

1. Joshua was now quite old, and God had one more special thing for him to do. What was it? Joshua 13:1, 7.
2. When the land was divided among the tribes, what guideline was used to decide how much each would receive? Numbers 26:54.
3. Eleazar, the high priest, and the heads of the tribe of Levi had helped Moses decide which land should be given to whom. Which tribes had already been given their share of land on the other side of the Jordan River? Numbers 32:33.
4. What were the names of the two men who were over 20 years old when Israel left Egypt and now inherited the land? Numbers 14:30.
5. Caleb was given the land of the giants; and still at his old age of 85 years, he frightened a son of Anak. Who was the last of all Israel to be given his inheritance of land? Joshua 19:49, 50.

6. The Levites and priests, who served in the sanctuary, were given no land. What were they given? Joshua 21:41.

7. Six of the cities given to the Levites were very special. What were they called? Joshua 20:2.

8. What was special about them? Joshua 20:3, 4.

"The Lord ... made provision to ensure the safety of those who should take life unintentionally.

"The cities of refuge were so distributed as to be within a half day's journey of every part of the land. The roads leading to them were always to be kept in good repair; all along the way signposts were to be erected bearing the word 'Refuge' in plain, bold characters, that the fleeing one might not be delayed for a moment. Any person—Hebrew, stranger, or sojourner—might avail himself of this provision. But while the guiltless were not to be rashly slain, neither were the guilty to escape punishment. The case of the fugitive was to be fairly tried by the proper authorities, and only when found innocent of intentional murder was he to be protected in the city of refuge." —*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 515.

9. What were these cities an illustration of?


"The cities of refuge appointed for God's ancient people were a symbol of the refuge provided in Christ. The same merciful Saviour who appointed those temporal cities of refuge has by the shedding of His own blood provided for the transgressors of God's law a sure retreat,... No power can take out of His hands the souls that go to Him for pardon." —*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 516.

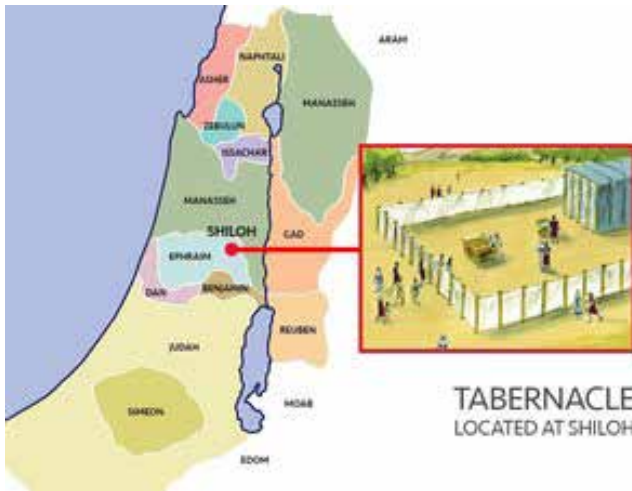


12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL
CITIES OF REFUGE

10. Where was the tabernacle located? Joshua 18:1.

"Heretofore Gilgal had been the headquarters of the nation and the seat of the tabernacle. But now the tabernacle was to be removed to the place chosen for its permanent location. This was Shiloh, a little town in the lot of Ephraim. It was near the center of the land, and was easy of access to all the tribes." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 514.

 **SEE THE MAP BELOW FOR THE LOCATION OF THE TABERNACLE IN THE PROMISED LAND. ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE, SELECT ONE CITY OF REFUGE, AND FIGURE OUT HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO REACH THE TABERNACLE FROM THERE. (HINT: IT TOOK HALF A DAY TO REACH A CITY OF REFUGE FROM ANYWHERE IN ISRAEL.)**






Lesson 11

TITHES AND OFFERINGS; GOD'S CARE FOR THE POOR

PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 525-536

1. What plan did God have for the support of the Levites and the sanctuary services? Leviticus 27:30.
2. In that case, if you had an apple tree that gave you ten apples, how many would belong to God?
3. In addition to the tithe, God instructed the people to give offerings. These were necessary for many purposes, since the tithe was used only for the priests and Levites to live on. What was one thing that offerings were used for? Exodus 25:2, 8.
4. Why is it important for God to ask us to give our tithes and offerings to Him for His work? Haggai 2:8; Deuteronomy 8:18.
5. Some people might think that they will become poor if they give so much back to God for His service. But what does God promise in Proverbs 3:5, 6, 9, 10 and Malachi 3:10-12?

6. What will happen if we keep all of God's blessings for ourselves?
Haggai 1:6.

 **GOD SET UP A SPECIAL SYSTEM SO THAT THE POOR WOULD ALWAYS HAVE FOOD AND WHAT THEY NEEDED. USE THE WORDS BELOW TO FILL IN THE BLANKS IN QUESTIONS 7-13 TO FIND OUT WHO SHOULD BE HELPED, AND HOW. THE ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND IN PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 530-536.**

BROTHER

PROSPER

SABBATICAL

JUBILEE

WIDOWS

HARVEST


EXTRA

7. When the land was not planted in the seventh, or sabbatical, year, one might think that the people would starve. But God took care of this by making a lot of _____ food grow in the sixth year.
8. Every fifty years was the year of _____. Certain slaves were then set free, debts were canceled, and a family's land that might have been sold to pay debts was given back to them.
9. Whenever a person was faithful to God and was willing to give generously to help others. God would make him _____ .
10. _____ are ladies who have lost their husbands and have no one to take care of them. Sometimes they have children who need to be cared for.

11. God wants His people to consider every poor person as their _____ .

12. Every seven years, the people were to let the land rest by not planting anything. This was called the _____ year. Whatever grew by itself on the land was left for the poor, who could then gather it for their families.

13. Every year, whatever was left over in the fields after the _____ was left for the poor, the fatherless, and the strangers to gather for themselves.

 **WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR MAKING SURE EVERYONE HAS FOOD TO EAT AND HELP WHEN THEY NEED IT? DO YOU WANT TO FOLLOW GOD'S PLAN? WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU CAN AND WOULD LIKE TO DO TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE.**





Lesson 12

ANNUAL FEASTS

PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 537-542

1. What is a feast? Look the word up in a dictionary. Is this usually a happy time or a sad time?

There were three special feasts that Israel celebrated every year. Each one pointed back to something very important that happened in the past and also pointed forward to a special event that was to come in the future.

2. The first feast every year was celebrated in the springtime. What was it? Exodus 23:15.
3. What did this feast point back to?

"On the fourteenth day of the month, at even, the Passover was celebrated, its solemn, impressive ceremonies commemorating the deliverance from bondage in Egypt." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 539.

4. When was the Feast of Unleavened Bread celebrated?

The Passover, which was the day before the Feast of Unleavened Bread (which lasted for seven days), pointed "forward to the sacrifice that should deliver from the bondage of sin. When the Saviour yielded up His life on Calvary, the significance of the Passover ceased...." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 539.

5. The next feast came about seven weeks after the Feast of Unleavened Bread. What was it called? Exodus 23:16.

This was Pentecost, also called the Feast of Harvest and the Feast of Weeks. It lasted for only one day. It was a time of gratitude for the first fruits that had been gathered.

6. What did the Feast of Harvest point forward to?

It pointed forward to the first harvest of souls following Christ's death on the cross. This occurred at Pentecost, also called the "early rain," when Christ's disciples preached about Jesus and many people believed in Him and joined His church. These were the first fruits of Christ's labor. The Bible says, "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47.

7. What was the third feast called? Leviticus 23:34.

This feast came in the fall (around the month of October).

"This feast acknowledged God's bounty in the products of the orchard, the olive grove, and the vineyard. It was the crowning festal gathering of the year. The land had yielded its increase, the harvests had been gathered into the granaries, the fruits, the oil, and the wine had been stored, the first fruits had been reserved, and now the people came with their tributes of thanksgiving to God, who had thus richly blessed them." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 540.

8. What did it point back to?

"In memory of their pilgrim life in the wilderness the people were now to leave their houses and dwell in booths, or arbors,..." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 540.

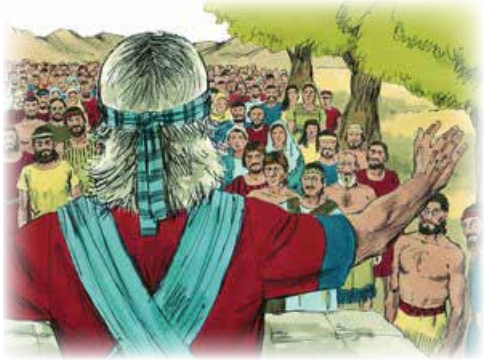
9. This feast also pointed forward to something very wonderful. What was it?

"It not only pointed back to the wilderness sojourn, but, as the feast of harvest, it celebrated the ingathering of the fruits of the earth, and pointed forward to the great day of final ingathering, when the Lord of the harvest shall send forth His reapers to gather the tares together in bundles for the fire, and to gather the wheat into His garner....

"The people of Israel praised God at the Feast of Tabernacles, as they called to mind His mercy in their deliverance from the bondage of Egypt and His tender care for them during their pilgrim life in the wilderness. They rejoiced also in the consciousness of pardon and acceptance, through the service of the day of atonement, just ended. But when the ransomed of the Lord shall have been safely gathered into the heavenly Canaan,... they will rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 541, 542.



IMAGINE WHAT THE CHILDREN LIKED ABOUT THE FEASTS THAT WERE CELEBRATED IN ISRAEL. WHICH ONE WOULD YOU HAVE ESPECIALLY LIKED? DRAW A PICTURE OF IT.



Lesson 13

JOSHUA SAYS GOOD-BY

PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 521-524

Several years had passed since the land had been divided among the tribes, but not all of those who rejected God and worshiped idols had been driven out of the land.

1. As Joshua, saw his life coming to an end, what was he concerned about? Joshua 23:3, 5.

“Although the Canaanites had been subdued, they still possessed a considerable portion of the land promised to Israel, and Joshua exhorted his people not to settle down at ease and forget the Lord’s command to utterly dispossess these idolatrous nations.” –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 521.

2. Why was it very important for Israel to completely drive out all the people who worshiped idols? Joshua 23:6, 7, 12, 13.

“The worship of idols was still to some extent secretly practiced, and Joshua endeavored now to bring them to a decision that should banish this sin from Israel.” –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 523.


3. What did Joshua remind the people about? Joshua 23:14.

4. What would happen to them if they copied what the people in the world around them were doing and worshiped idols? Joshua 23:16.

5. Joshua strongly urged the people to make a decision about a very important question. What was that? For whom did he decide? Joshua 24:15.

6. What did the people answer? Joshua 24:16, 18.

7. Joshua then reminded the people that without God's help they could never be obedient to Him. The people promised to do as God commanded. What did Joshua set up so that everyone would always remember what they had promised? Joshua 24:26, 27.

 **WRITE DOWN AT LEAST TWO GOOD THINGS THAT YOU BELIEVE ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO LEARN FROM JOSHUA. IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU WANT TO BE LIKE HIM?**





"The great stone set up by Joshua was to stand as a constant reminder to Israel of the covenant which they had made with God, and a silent witness of their faithfulness or apostasy. So also the song of Moses was to testify against them, should they depart from God. Many of the Israelites were unacquainted with the books of Moses. But it was the purpose of God that this inspired song should awaken in thoughtful minds a desire to learn more of God's wonderful dealings with His people, and lead to the study of His revealed word. Thus would they be led to realize the goodness of God toward them, and their duty to love, and obey, and worship Him.

"If it was necessary for God's ancient people to often call to mind His dealings with them in mercy and judgment, in counsel and reproof, it is equally important that we contemplate the truths delivered to us in His word—truth which, if heeded, will lead us to humility and submission, and obedience to God. We are to be sanctified through the truth. The word of God presents special truths for every age. The dealings of God with His people in the past should receive our careful attention. We should learn the lessons which they are designed to teach us. But we are not to rest content with them. God is leading out His people step by step. Truth is progressive. The earnest seeker will be constantly receiving light from Heaven. What is truth? should ever be our inquiry." —*Signs of the Times*, May 26, 1881,