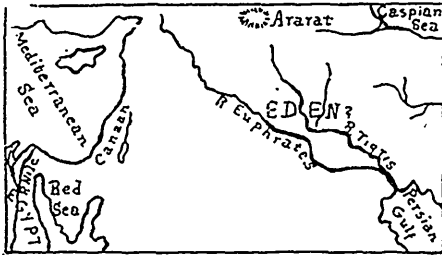


emblem of the sin that had ruined him, and thus learn to hate it. **Thy seed**; Satan's followers and servants. **Her seed**; the woman's descendants. **Bruiſe thy head**; a promise to man, of victory over evil, fulfilled when Christ appeared. **Bruiſe his heel**; a picture of Satan's sly, crafty attacks, and of the sufferings men, and most of all, the blessed Saviour Himself, were to endure from him.

## THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

Genesis 2 : 8 tells us that Eden was "eastward", that is, from Palestine, where the writer lived. Further, it was watered by a river which divided,



after leaving Eden, into four branch streams. Two of these, the Tigris (the Hiddekel of Gen. 2 : 14) and the Euphrates, flow from the highlands of what is now Armenia, southward to the Persian Gulf. The course of the other two rivers, Pison and Gihon, is now unknown. Eden, therefore, seems to have been somewhere in Armenia, to the southwest of the Caspian Sea.

## AN ORIENTAL SIDELIGHT.

A Mohammedan legend says: "While Adam was one day working in the field, his plough suddenly stopped, nor were all the exertions of his cattle able to move it. He struck the oxen, and the eldest of them said to him, 'Why dost thou strike me? Did Allah (God) strike thee when thou wast disobedient?' Adam prayed, 'O Allah! after Thou hast forgiven my sin, shall every beast of the field be permitted to reprove me?' Allah heard him, and from that moment the brute creation lost its power of speech."

## LESSON QUESTIONS

Where do we find the first account of man's creation? The second? What prohibition was laid upon the first man? For what purpose?

1-5 How is the serpent described? Whose instrument was it? Why did Satan tempt the woman first? What did he insinuate concerning God? What was the woman's defense? How did this show that she had begun to yield? What is the sure result of sin? (Rom. 6 : 23.)

6 Through what three avenues did temptation enter the woman's mind? Whose work did she begin to do? How? Which disciple of Jesus once became Satan's agent? (Matt. 16 : 23.)

13-15 Of what do vs. 7-12 tell? What did God say to the serpent? Of what was it to remind man? Which Psalm speaks of treading upon wild beasts? (Ps. 91 : 13.) Where does Paul speak of Satan being put under our feet? (Rom. 16 : 20.) Explain "thy seed" and "her seed". What feeling was to exist between the two?

## FOR DISCUSSION

1. Whence did temptation at first come? From God? Or, from the human heart itself? Or, from some other person?
2. Is there anything sinful in merely being tempted.

## A LESSON FOR LIFE

The Greeks, according to the old story, having besieged Troy for years in vain, at last built a huge wooden horse and filled the interior with armed soldiers. The Trojans, believing the false story that it was intended as an offering to a god, broke down the walls to admit the horse, and their city was lost. So Satan, by fair promises, cheats his victims into opening their hearts to him, only to make them his miserable captives. There is safety only in a straight, point-blank refusal to listen to his words.

**Prove from Scripture—That Christ is our Redeemer.**

**Shorter Catechism—Ques. 43.** *What is the preface to the ten commandments?* A. The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, *I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

**The Question on Missions—3.** What about the boys and girls of Korea? The boys are much thought of by the parents, and are sent to school; but the girls are loved less, and are not educated, and are made to work hard. The children all honor their parents. Their homes are small and cheerless.

## FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Why did Satan choose Eve, and not Adam, for his first assault? . . . . .

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2. What false promise did he make to the woman?.....

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3. When was the promise of v. 15 fulfilled?.....

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