

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

THIRD QUARTER: STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

B. C. 1490.]

LESSON V. THE REPORT OF THE SPIES.

[Aug. 4.]

GOLDEN TEXT. The Lord is with us: fear them not. Num. 14. 9.

Authorized Version.

Num. 13. 17-20, 23-33. [Commit to memory verse 20.]

[Study connection in chaps. 13 and 14.]

17 And Mo'ses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain:

18 And see the land, what it is; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many;

19 And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong-holds;

20 And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes.

23 And they came unto the brook of Esh'col, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

24 The place was called the brook Esh'col, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Is'ra-el cut down from thence.

25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

26 And they went and came to Mo'ses, and to Aa'ron, and to all the congregation of the children of Is'ra-el, unto the wilderness of Pa'ran, to Ka'desh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of A'nak there.

29 The Am'i-lek-ites dwell in the land of the south; and the Hiti'tes, and the Jeb'u-sites, and the Am'o-rites, dwell in the mountains: and the Can'naan-ites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jo'dan.

30 And Ca'leb stilled the people before Mo'ses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Is'ra-el, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

Revised Version.

17 And Mo'ses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way by the South, and go up into the mountains: and see the land, what it is; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, whether they be few or many; 19 and what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in camps, or in strong-holds; and what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes.

23 And they came unto the valley of Esh'col, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it upon a staff between two; they brought also of the pomegranates, and 24 of the figs. That place was called the valley of Esh'col, because of the cluster which the children 25 of Is'ra-el cut down from thence. And they returned from spying out the land at the end of 26 forty days. And they went and came to Mo'ses, and to Aa'ron, and to all the congregation of the children of Is'ra-el, unto the wilderness of Pa'ran, to Ka'desh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and showed them 27 the fruit of the land. And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and 28 honey; and this is the fruit of it. Howbeit the people that dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fenced, and very great: and more- 29 over we saw the children of A'nak there. Am'i-a-lek dwelleth in the land of the South: and the Hiti'te, and the Jeb'u-site, and the Am'o-rite, dwell in the mountains: and the Can'naan-ite dwelleth by the sea, and along by the side of 30 Jo'dan. And Ca'leb stilled the people before Mo'ses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. 31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for 32 they are stronger than we. And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had spied out unto the children of Is'ra-el, saying, The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it 33 are men of great stature. And there we saw