

Berean Lesson Leaf.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FIRST YEAR—1873—JULY.

THIRD QUARTER: TWELVE LESSONS IN MATTHEW.

SABBATH, July 6.—**LESSON I.—The Child Jesus.**—Matt. ii. 1-10.

Leader. 1. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

School. 2. Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

L. 3. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

S. 4. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

L. 5. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet.

S. 6. And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee

shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel: Micah v. 2; Rev. ii. 27.

L. 7. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

S. 8. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

L. 9. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

S. 10. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

TOPIC—Rejoicing in the Redeemer of the world.

Golden Text—When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.—Matt. ii. 10.

Home Readings.

M. Matt. ii. 1-10.
Tu. 1 Kings x. 1-13.
W. Luke ii. 7-20.
Th. Gen. xiv. 13-24.
F. Acts iv. 23-33.
S. Isa. cxlviii.
Rev. v.

LESSON SCHEME.

BIBLE SEARCHINGS:

Isa. ix. 6.	Jer. xxix. 13.	John xii. 13.
Num. xxiv. 17.	Psa. lxxii. 10, 11.	Rev. xxii. 16.
John i. 49.	1 Sam. xvi. 1.	John xii. 20, 21.
John vii. 40-42.	Matt. xxvii. 11.	Isa. ix. 3.

Outline:

- I. THE NEW-BORN KING, v. 1, 2;
- II. THE TROUBLED TYRANT, v. 3-8;
- III. THE DILIGENT SEEKERS, v. 9;
- IV. THE REJOICING WORSHIPERS, v. 10;
- V. THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, Mal. iv. 2.

Recite Title, Topic, Golden Text, Selected Verses, and Outline.

1. Where was Bethlehem?

[Six miles south of Jerusalem, now called by the Arabs Beit-Lehm.]

By what other names is it called in the Bible? [Judges xvii. 7; Micah v. 2; Gen. xxv. 19; Luke ii. 4.]

Who reigned in Judaea at this time? v. 1.
Why is Jesus called "King of the Jews"?
Had the coming of the Messiah been foretold? [Dan. ix. 25.]

2. What "things" troubled Herod? v. 3.

Whom did he call together, and why? v. 4.
What Scripture did they quote in answer to the king's question? [Micah v. 2.]

What motive had Herod in finding out the birthplace of Jesus?

What reason did he give the wise men for his solicitude?

v. 8.

Did the wise men return to Herod? Why not? v. 12.

3. What induced the wise men to seek for Jesus? v. 2.

Where had they seen the star? v. 2.
When and where did they see it again?
To what did it guide them?

4. How did they know where Jesus was? v. 9.

What were their emotions when the journey was ended.
Have you found Jesus?

5. Who was this Sun of Righteousness? [Mal. iv. 2.]

Where is Christ like the sun?
Were these wise men Jews?
What right had Gentiles to come to him?

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That following the light God gives us will bring us to Jesus?

2. That Jesus is a Saviour for Gentiles as well as Jews?

3. That man's hate cannot hinder God's grace?

4. That we should come to Christ although it takes time, and trouble, and sacrifice?

Lesson Hymn.

Tune: "Sicilian Hymn."

1. Saw you never, in the twilight,
When the sun has left the skies,
Up in heaven the clear stars shining
Through the gloom, like silver eyes?
So of old, the wise men watching
Saw a little stranger star,
And they knew the King was given,
And they followed it from far.