

## Lesson I.

## JOSHUA, ISRAEL'S NEW LEADER

October 6, 1907

Joshua I: 1-11. Commit to memory v. 7\* Read Numbers 27: 12-23, Joshua, ch. 1,

GOLDEN TEXT—I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.—Joshua 1: 5.

1 Now<sup>1</sup> after the death of Mo'ses the servant of the Lord<sup>2</sup> it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Mo'ses' minister, saying,

2 Mo'ses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jor'dan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Is'rael.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon,<sup>3</sup> that have I given unto you, as I said unto Mo'ses

4 From the wilderness and this Leb'anon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hit'tites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your<sup>4</sup> coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Mo'ses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 Be strong and of a good courage: for<sup>5</sup> unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be<sup>6</sup> thou strong and very courageous,<sup>7</sup> that

Revised Version—<sup>1</sup>it came to pass; <sup>2</sup>Omit it came to pass; <sup>3</sup>to you have I given it, as I spake; <sup>4</sup>border; <sup>5</sup>thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land; <sup>6</sup>Omit thou; <sup>7</sup>to observe; <sup>8</sup>have good success; <sup>9</sup>affrighted; <sup>10</sup>midst of the camp; <sup>11</sup>are to.

## LESSON PLAN

I. An Appointment Confirmed, 1-4.

II. Encouragement Given, 5-9.

III. Work Begun, 10, 11.

## DAILY READINGS

(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association.)

M.—Joshua, Israel's new leader, Joshua 1: 1-11.  
T.—Loyalty of the people, Joshua 1: 12-18. W.—  
Chosen by God, Numbers 27: 15-23. Th.—The book  
of the law, Deut. 17: 14-20. F.—Reading the Law,  
Joshua 8: 30-35. S.—Obedience and trust, Prov.  
3: 1-10. S.—Keeping the Commandment, 1 John  
2: 1-8.

## EXPOSITION

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Time and Place—B.C. 1451; the Plains of Moab, east of the Jordan.

Connecting Links—The Book of Joshua continues the history embodied in the Pentateuch, without any break. The book consists of two parts: 1. Chs. 1-12, which narrate the conquest of Canaan; 2. Chs. 13-24, recording the distribution of the conquered territory amongst the twelve tribes of Israel. The Lesson contains the introduction to the history of the war of conquest, and emphasizes the fact that Israel invaded and conquered Canaan at God's direct command and in His unfailing strength.

## I. An Appointment Confirmed, 1-4.

V. 1. After the death of Moses. For thirty days the camp had been full of weeping and mourning for the great law-giver, Deut. 34: 8. The servant of the Lord; a title specially applied to Moses, marking him out as superior to even the greatest prophets (Num. 12: 7, 8),

thou mayest observe to do according to all the law which Mo'ses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest<sup>8</sup> prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not<sup>9</sup> afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the<sup>10</sup> host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye<sup>11</sup> shall pass over this Jor'dan, to go in to possess the land, which the Lord your God giveth you to possess it.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 73. Which is the eighth commandment? A. The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal.

The Question on Missions—(Fourth Quarter, FOREIGN MISSIONS IN CANADA—INDIAN.) 1. Amongst what Indians have we missions? Amongst the Saulteaux of the Lake of the Woods, and the Ahts of Vancouver Island, who live by hunting and fishing, and amongst the Crees, Sioux and Assiniboines of the prairies, who used to hunt buffalo, but now farm and do a little hunting.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, Ps. Sel. 80 (Supplemental Lesson); 272; 277; 1 (Ps. Sel.); 256 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 263.

and afterwards the peculiar designation of the Messiah, Isa. 42: 1. See Heb. 3: 2-6 for a recognition of Moses' faithfulness, and also for the difference between the servant and the Son. This Lord spake; confirming the appointment, previously made (Num. 27: 15-23; Deut. 31: 3-7, 23), of Joshua as the new leader of Israel in Moses' place. Joshua. His original name was Oshea, meaning salvation. This was changed by Moses to Joshua, meaning Jehovah is salvation, Num. 13: 16. In its Greek form it becomes Jesus (see Heb. 4: 8). He belonged to the tribe of Ephraim (Num. 13: 8), and was therefore descended from Joseph, Gen. 41: 50-52. At Rephidim, in the fight of Israel (Ex. 17: 8-16), he had shown himself to be a brave soldier and a skilful general. Thirty-eight years ago, he, along with Caleb, had urged Israel to go forward from Kadesh-barnea, to the possession of the land, in spite of the adverse

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