

Berean Lesson Leaf.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

SECOND YEAR—1874—JUNE.

SECOND QUARTER: TWELVE LESSONS WITH MOSES.

SABBATH, June 7th.—**LESSON X.—The Serpent of Brass.**—Num. xxi. 4-9.

Lender. 4. And they journeyed from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

School. 5. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

6. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

7. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee: pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

8. And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole; and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

9. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole; and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

TOPIC—The One Way of Salvation.

Golden Text—As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. John iii. 14, 15.

OUTLINE:

I. DISCOURAGEMENT AND MURNING, v. 4, 5; Exod. xvii. 2, 3; Num. xvi. 18, 14; xx. 3-5; Deut. 1. 40; Psa. cvii. 4-7; Heb. xii. 1, 7; 1 Thess. iii. 3, 4.

II. AFFLICTION AND DEATH, v. 6; Isa. xiv. 29; Jer. viii. 17; 1 Cor. x. 9.

III. CONFESSION AND PRAYER, v. 7; Num. xiv. 17-20; 1 Sam. xii. 19; 1 Kings xiii. 6; Psa. lxxvii. 34; Jer. xxxvii. 3; John xvii. 9; James v. 16; Rom. x. 1.

IV. PROMISE AND SALVATION, v. 8, 9; Psa. cvi. 43-45; cxlv. 8; Isa. xiv. 22; John iii. 14, 15; vi. 40; xii. 32; Rom. i. 17.

QUESTIONS, etc.—Recite TITLE, TOPIC, GOLDEN TEXT, SELECTED VERSES and OUTLINE.

1. Discouragement and Murnung.—Why were the people discouraged?

[ANS. Because of the roughness and length of the way. They were now in the fortieth year of their wanderings.]

Were they going toward or from Canaan?

Why had they been so long on the journey? Num. xiv. 12, 23, 32, 33.

Against whom did they murmur?

2. Affliction and Death.—What affliction did the Lord send upon the Israelites?

What did the bite of the serpent cause?

What name is given to Satan in Rev. xii. 9?

What brought sin into the world?

What is the condition of those who are smitten by sin? Rom. v. 16, 21.

How is the sinner described in Isa. i. 5, 6?

3. Confession and Prayer.—What confession did the Israelites make in their distress?

What was their petition?

What is the first duty of the sinner?

To whom only can he come for help?

What is said of confession of sin in 1 John 1. 9?

4. Promise and Salvation.—What means was Moses directed to use for the salvation of the Israelites?

Why was the serpent of brass lifted up upon a pole?

What were the smitten ones to do?

What effect did this looking upon the serpent have upon them?

Would any be saved who did not look?

What does Jesus say of himself in John iii. 14-15.

To whom must the sinner look for salvation? Heb. xii. 2.

Home Readings.

M. Num. xxi. 1-9.

Tu. Rom. viii. 21-29.

W. 2 Kings xviii. 1-12.

Th. 1 Cor. x. 1-14.

F. Deut. viii. 10-20.

S. 2 Cor. v. 11-21.

M. John iii. 1-15.

How may we savingly "look" to Jesus? John vi. 40. Have you looked upon Him who was "lifted up"? Where in this lesson do we learn—

1. That sin brings death?
2. That God has provided a remedy for sin?
3. That confession and prayer bring the favor of God?
4. That simple faith in Christ is the only way of salvation?
5. That none need perish?

HYMN.—Tune "Autumn."—Ss and Ts. D.

In the cross of Christ I glory,

Towering o'er the wrecks of time;

All the light of sacred story

Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,

Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,

Never shall the cross forsake me;

Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming

Light and love upon my way,

From the cross the radiance streaming

Adds more lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,

By the cross are sanctified;

Peace is there that knows no measure,

Joys that through all time abide.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWER.

29. What blessings do in this life accompany our justification and adoption?

The blessings that do in this life accompany our justification and adoption are, a sense of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, and hope of the glory of God.

Romans v. 1. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans v. 5. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Romans viii. 17. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.

N.B.—Verses marked with a hand, thus [44], are the "Selected Verses."