

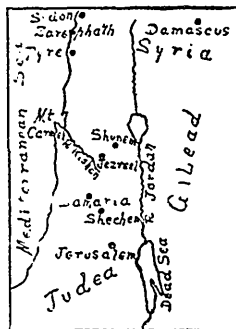
of human blood. **Lancets**; lances or spears, such as were used by soldiers. **Propheesied**. So this wild raving is described; but it was as far different as possible from the utterances of God's prophets. **Time** . . of the evening sacrifice; about 3 p.m.

II. THE PROPHET OF JEHOVAH.—30-35. Come near unto me; leaving the priests of Baal to continue their wild cries and frantic leaping if they will. **Repaired the altar**; one that had been used for worshiping the Lord before idolatry was introduced into Israel. **Twelve stones**; to remind the people that the twelve tribes were still one people in God's sight. **In the name of the Lord**; calling on the Lord in prayer, and so dedicating the altar to His service. **A trench**; or channel for holding water. **Two measures**; each containing about three of our gallons. The "trench" was as deep as one of these measures. **Wood in order**, etc. Elijah gave the people an example of reverence for God's law (see Lev. 1 : 6-8). **Four barrels with water**; that is, jars, such as were carried on the head. **Water ran round** . . filled the trench. This would do away with any suspicion of fraud.

36-39. Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel; a title which would recall to the people God's appearance to Moses at the burning bush (Ex. 3 : 6), and so quicken their faith in His power to answer Elijah by fire. **God in Israel**. The prophet desired above all God's honor. **Thy servant**; the highest position Elijah desires for himself. **The fire of the Lord fell**; not lightning, for the sky was clear, but supernatural fire. **Consumed**; everything about the altar, even to the stones and water. **The Lord, he is the God**. The "people" were completely won over from Baal to Jehovah.

V. 40 narrates the slaughter of the prophets of Baal at the bidding of Elijah.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



CARMEL, "the garden with fruit trees", so the name means, is a mountain rising abruptly from the southern end of the Bay of Acre and extending to the southwest about 13 miles. It is surrounded by plains on three sides, and may be seen from all parts of central Palestine. It abounds in caves, which, in ancient times, were frequently used as hiding-places.

From earliest times, also, it was a place of worship.

LESSON QUESTIONS

26-29 Who were "the prophets of Baal"? How many of them were present at Carmel? Why did Elijah wish them to offer their sacrifice first? What reason did he give? Describe the appeal of the priests of Baal to their god. What effect did it produce? What was Paul's opinion as to idols? (1 Cor. 8 : 4.) How did Elijah urge on the Baal priests? Why did they cut themselves?

30-36 What preparation did Elijah make for his sacrifice? How did he remind the people of the unity of Israel and Judah? What means did he take to prevent any suspicion of fraud?

36-39 By what title did Elijah address God? Why would this quicken the faith of the people? How was Elijah's prayer answered? Describe the effect on the people. Where did Joshua appeal to his people to follow the true God? (Josh. 24 : 15.)

What was the fate of the priests of Baal?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Religions known by their fruits.
2. The victories of Christianity.

A LESSON FOR LIFE

The soldiers of Pizarro, known in history as the conqueror of Peru, were once about to desert him and return to Spain. He stood before them, and drew a line with his sword in the sand, saying: "On this side are ease and pleasure; on the other, toil and danger. But on this side are Panama and poverty on the other, Peru and riches. For my part I go south." He stepped over the line, and one by one the soldiers followed. Jesus calls us to follow Him to the conquest of the world. Who will not obey?

Prove from Scripture—That God's service is reasonable.

Shorter Catechism—**Ques. 87.** What is repentance unto life? **A.** Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

The Question on Missions—**7.** Why do people gather together in cities? One reason is their love of social life. Besides this, in former times, the city was a place of protection against enemies. In modern days it is necessary for many to live in cities in order to be near factories and other places of business in which they are employed.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, Ps. Sel. 16 (Supplemental Lesson); 449; 440; 46 (Fs. Sel.), 240 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 445.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Show that the fire which consumed Elijah's sacrifice was supernatural.....

2. Describe the effect on the people of the Lesson miracle.....