

International Bible Lessons

Studies in the Old Testament

LESSON CALENDAR: THIRD QUARTER

1. July 2	Gracious Invitations. Hosea 14: 1-9.
2. July 9	Daniel in Babylon. Daniel 1: 8-21.
3. July 16	The Hebrews in the Fiery Furnace. Daniel 3: 14-28.
4. July 23	The Handwriting on the Wall. Daniel 5: 17-31.
5. July 30	Daniel in the Den of Lions. Daniel 6: 10-23.
6. August 6	The New Heart. Ezekiel 36: 25-30.
7. August 13	Ezekiel's Great Vision. Ezekiel 37: 1-14.
8. August 20	The River of Salvation. Ezekiel 47: 1-12.
9. August 27	Returning from Captivity. Ezra 1: 1-11.
10. September 3	Rebuilding the Temple. Ezra 3: 10-4: 5.
11. September 10	Encouraging the Builders. Haggai 2: 1-9.
12. September 17	Power Through the Spirit. Zechariah 4: 1-14.
13. September 24	REVIEW.

LESSON I.

GRACIOUS INVITATIONS

July 2, 1899

Hosea 14: 1-9. Commit to memory vs. 4-7. Read 10: 1-13.

1 O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.

2 Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.

3 As Asshur shall not save us: we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

5 I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow

Revised Version—Return unto; * Accept that which is good; so will we render as bullocks the offering of our lips; * Blossom; * Margin, O Ephraim, what, etc.; * I have answered, and will regard him.

GOLDEN TEXT

"Come, and let us turn unto the Lord." Hos. 6: 1.

DAILY READINGS *

M.—Hosea 14. Gracious invitations.

T.—Hosea 2: 16-23. Precious promises.

W.—Isa. 1: 16-20. "Come now."

Th.—Jer. 3: 12-19. Proclamation of pardon.

F.—Joel 2: 12-19. Turning with the heart.

S.—Matt. 11: 25-30. The Saviour's invitation.

S.—1 John 1. Confession and pardon.

TIME

About the middle of the eighth century, B.C., close to the time of the founding of the city of Rome.

PLACE

The kingdom of Israel, of which Samaria was the capital.

CATECHISM

Q. 63. Which is the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment is, Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

LESSON PLAN

A DIALOGUE

I. The Prophet, 1, 2.

Calls to repentance.

II. The People, 3.

Respond by a vow.

III. The Lord, 4-6.

Makes gracious promises.

IV. The Prophet, 7.

Gives strong assurance.

V. The Lord, 8.

Further confirms.

VI. The Writer, 9.

Adds a final appeal.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise—43 (Ps.); 161, 185, 189, 199.

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CONNECTING LINKS

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The first lesson of this quarter carries us back to the closing lessons of the third quarter of 1898, and to the final scenes in the career of the kingdom of Israel. Under Jeroboam II., in whose reign Hosea began to prophesy (Ch. 1: 1), Israel enjoyed a prosperity unequalled since the days of Solomon. But wealth brought luxury and vice; and Hosea was sent to protest against the sins of the people. In the lesson of to-day the severe denunciations of the preceding chapters give way to a summons to repentance that is extremely tender and touching.