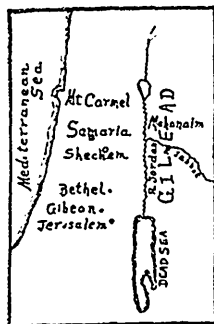


fire. Consumed; everything about the altar, even to the stones, and . . . water. The Lord, he is the God. The "people" were completely won over from Baal to Jehovah.

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. It was

probably because the site was holy ground that it was chosen for the sacrifice which was to test the claims of Jehovah and Baal. Tradition says that the altar of Elijah was at the east end of the ridge. Just below that spot, on the bank of the river Kishon, there is a mound called "the mound of the priest."

#### LESSON QUESTIONS

30 Whose champion was Elijah? How many prophets of Baal were against him? Whom did Elijah summon to his side? What was his first act before them? What was the altar like? By whose command had it been broken down? Whose help is sufficient for us? (2 Cor. 12:9.)

31, 32 How many stones did Elijah use in repairing the altar? What did this number signify? Explain "in the name of the Lord." Describe the trench which Elijah made.

33-35 How did Elijah set an example of reverence? How did he remove any suspicion of fraud?

36, 37 By what title did Elijah address God? How would this quicken the faith of the people? For what two things did he pray? What does Paul say we should pray for? (Phil. 4:6.) Where in the New Testament is Elijah's power in prayer referred to? (James 5:17.)

38, 39 How was Elijah's prayer answered? What was the character of this fire? What was the effect upon the people? Find a reference in the Gospels to this fire from heaven. (Luke 9:54-56.) Find Joshua's appeal to his people to follow the true God. (Josh. 24:15.)

#### FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can an idol worshiper be a good man?
2. Had the people on Mount Carmel stronger reasons for believing in God than we have?

#### A PRAYER

O God, bless us and make us a blessing. May we see Thy glory and long to be like Thee. May all our work be transformed because it is done as unto Thee. May we be not only Christians, but working, praying, rejoicing Christians. Give a blessing to those we love. Draw them to Thyself. And bless all whom Thou lovest. May they all love Thee, that unto Thee every knee shall bow, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That God answers prayer.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 28. Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation? A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

The Question on Missions—10. What do our Settlements do for the religious life of the neighborhoods? They seek to bring the spirit of Christ into all the week's activities, hold Christian services where Protestant and Catholic and Jew meet together to praise God and learn of His love. They work quietly with individuals to bring Christ into their lives.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 19 (Supplemental Lesson), 116, 240, 92 (Ps. Sel.), 554 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 245.

#### FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How did Elijah remove all suspicion of fraud? .....
2. For what two things did Elijah pray? .....
3. How was his prayer answered and what was the effect on the people? .....

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