

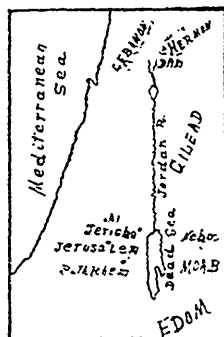
beast, in the city was to be destroyed, with the exception of Rahab and her household (see ch. 2), while the city itself was to be burned with fire, vs. 21-25.

13, 19. Keep... from the devoted thing (Rev. Ver.); do not take for your own use what belongs to God. Make. Israel accursed (Rev. Ver.); bring a curse upon the whole people through disobedience to God. Silver... gold... brass (bronze, that is, copper hardened by about 10 per cent. of tin)... iron... are holy (Rev. Ver.); set apart for the tabernacle service.

III. CAPTURE.—20. The people shouted. God's time had now come to reward Israel's faith. Wall fell down flat; not by the hand of man or by natural causes, but by God's power. Went... every man straight before him; a host which nothing could resist.

Vs. 21-27 tell of the rescue of Rahab and of the curse pronounced on Jericho.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



JERICO, in the time of our Lord, had become an important place. It was situated in a plain, divided by a river and flanked on either side by high mountains, of which the western range overhung the town. Palm trees abounded in the plain, those near the Jordan being the finest. In summer the climate was so hot that no one cared to come near the place, and in winter the air was so

mild that the inhabitants went about with linen clothing when snow covered the rest of Judea. One historian says that the revenues from balsam (used in making medicine for the head and eyes) and other plants were very great.

LESSON QUESTIONS

8, 9 Describe the order of the procession for the march round Jericho. Why was "seven" a sacred number amongst the Hebrews? What does the use of the number here signify? Describe the "trumpets." Explain "before the Lord." Of what was the ark a sign? When did David bring the ark to Jerusalem? (2 Sam. 6:12.)

10-15 How was the faith of the Israelites tested?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. In what order did the Israelites march round Jericho?.....

2. How often did they go round the city on the seventh day, and what then happened?.....

3. What was done with the inhabitants of Jericho?.....

For how many days did they march round Jericho once a day? How often did they do this on the seventh day?

16, 17 How was Israel's trust turned into triumph? What was to be done with the people of Jericho? What exception was made to this rule? Find a reference in the Epistle to the Hebrews to the fall of Jericho. (Heb. 11:30.)

18, 19 What were the people strictly charged not to do? How were the metals found in the city to be disposed of?

20 What happened at the shout of the Israelites? When was the curse of v. 26 fulfilled? (1 Kgs. 16:34.)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Had the Israelites the right to take possession of Canaan?

2. Was the destruction of the inhabitants of Jericho just?

A LESSON FOR LIFE

It is said that the people of Jericho were never noted for bravery. Their vigor and courage were sapped by the heat of their climate. It is amongst the peoples of northern and colder climates that we must look for strength and courage. Their very hardships make better men of them. So, when we meet with trials and difficulties in life, we ought not to complain. The effort which we must make to overcome these is like the practice of the athlete,—it hardens our spiritual muscle, develops our spiritual energy and makes us more fit for the conflicts which we cannot escape.

Prove from Scripture—That belief procures us blessings.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 80. What is required in the tenth commandment? A. The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbour, and all that is his.

The Question on Missions—10. How many schools and scholars have we in Korea? 34 primary schools, with 1,400 pupils. We have also about 100 Academy students. From our mission there are 6 medical students at Seoul, the capital of Korea, and 15 theological students in the Theological Seminary at Pyeongyang.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 129 (Supplemental Lesson), 262, 251, 67 (Ps. Sel.), 272 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 250.