

# INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

## FOURTH QUARTER: STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

B. C. 1427.]

### LESSON I. THE TIME OF THE JUDGES.

[Oct. 6.]

**GOLDEN TEXT.** The Lord raised up judges, which delivered them. *Judg. 2, 16.*

#### Authorized Version.

**Judg. 2. 1-12, 16.** [*Commit to memory verses 11, 12, 16.*]

[Study connection in chap. 2.]

1 And an angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you;

2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice; why have ye done this?

3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.

4 And it came to pass, when the angel of the Lord spake these words unto all the children of Is'ra-el, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

5 And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the Lord.

6 And when Josh'u-a had let the people go, the children of Is'ra-el went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land.

7 And the people served the Lord all the days of Josh'u-a, and all the days of the elders that outlived Josh'u-a, who had seen all the great works of the Lord, that he did for Is'ra-el.

8 And Josh'u-a the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being a hundred and ten years old.

9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Tim'nath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Ga'ash.

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Is'ra-el.

11 And the children of Is'ra-el did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Ba'al-im:

12 And they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the Lord to anger.

16 Nevertheless the Lord raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

#### Revised Version.

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2 nant with you: and ye shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall break down their altars: but ye have not hearkened unto my voice: why have ye done this? Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be

4 a snare unto you. And it came to pass, when the angel of the Lord spake these words unto all the children of Is'ra-el, that the people

5 lifted up their voice, and wept. And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the Lord.

6 Now when Josh'u-a had sent the people away, the children of Is'ra-el went every man unto

7 his inheritance to possess the land. And the people served the Lord all the days of Josh'u-a, and all the days of the elders that outlived Josh'u-a, who had seen all the great

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12 the Ba'al-im: and they forsook the Lord, the God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the peoples that were round about them, and bowed themselves down unto them: and they provoked the Lord to anger.

16 And the Lord raised up judges, which saved them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

**TIME.**—This lesson contains a general statement of the condition of Israel from the death of Joshua, B. C. 1427, during the period of the judges, about three hundred and thirty years.

**PLACE.**—The land of Israel; especially Shiloh,

where, doubtless, the Israelites were assembled, and Bochim, which we suppose to have been a locality in Shiloh. **RULERS.**—As yet the Hebrews had no definite government except that of the priesthood and the power accorded to the