

Berean Lesson Leaf.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FIRST YEAR—1873—MARCH.

FIRST QUARTER: TWELVE LESSONS FROM GENESIS.

SABBATH, March 2.—**LESSON IX.—Escape from Sodom.**—(Gen. xix. 15-26).

Leader. **Le. 15.** And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. Rev. xviii. 4.

School. **Le. 16.** And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. Luke xviii. 13.

Le. 17. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. Phil. iii. 13, 14.

S. 18. And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord: (Acts x. 14):

Le. 19. Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

S. 20. Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: O, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

Le. 21. And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

S. 22. Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

Le. 23. The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

S. 24. Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven:

Le. 25. And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

S. 26. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. Luke xvii. 32.

TOPIC—The just Judgment of God.

Golden Text—How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?—Heb. ii. 3.

Home Readings.

- M. Gen. xix. 15-26.
- Th. Gen. xviii. 20-33.
- W. Psa. xl.
- Th. Matt. xi. 12-30.
- F. Psa. cxi.
- S. Rev. xvi. 1-13.
- N. Jude 5-25.

LESSON SCHEME.

BIBLE SEARCHINGS:

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| Psa. lxi. 5. | Rev. xxi. 8. | 1 Pet. iv. 18. |
| Matt. xxiv. 16-18. | Matt. x. 14, 15. | Deut. xxix. 23. |
| Luke. xvii. 28. | Rev. vii. 3. | 2 Thess. i. 8. |
| Isa. i. 9. | Heb. x. 38. | Luke ix. 62. |
| | 2 Timothy ii. 19. | |

Outline:

- I. A WICKED CITY, v. 15.
- II. THE SALVATION OF THE FEW, v. 16-23.
- III. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MANY, v. 24, 25.
- IV. THE FATE OF THE DISOBEYIENT, v. 26.

Recite Title, Topic, Golden Text, Selected Verses, and Outline.

1. What is said of Sodom in Gen. xiii. 13? Who dwelt in this city? How came Lot to dwell in Sodom? [Read Gen. xiii. 1-12.]

Where was Abram and Lot dwelling together before their separation? [Gen. xiii. 3.]

Had God determined upon the destruction of Sodom? [See Gen. xviii. 20.]

Who had pleaded for its safety? chap. xviii. 23-30.

What would have saved the city from God's wrath?

2. What did the angel say to Lot? v. 15.

For whose sake did God deliver Lot from Sodom? v. 29.

Did all the family of Lot escape? v. 14-16.

Why did Lot "linger?"

His heart was set upon the things he left behind him.

Why were there so few saved?

Would Lot have been saved if God had not interfered on his behalf?

3. How did God destroy the cities of the plain? v. 24.

Were any of the wicked inhabitants left?

When before, in the history of the world, had God destroyed the wicked and saved the righteous?

4. What command had the angel of the Lord given Lot and his family? v. 17.

Who disobeyed the command? v. 26.

What awful calamity befel her? v. 26.

How do we learn from this lesson—

1. The wonderful mercy of God for even imperfect Christians?

2. The duty of receiving the warning God gives us?

3. The fate of those who do not heed God's warnings?

4. The fate of those who disobey God's commands?

5. That God will surely punish sin?

6. That God's intervention is necessary for salvation?