

Lesson IV.

JOSHUA AND CALEB

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Joshua 14 : 5-15—Memory Verses, 12-14.

Golden Text—He wholly followed the LORD.—Joshua 14 : 14.

5 As the LORD commanded Mo'ses, so the children of Is'rael did, and they divided the land.

6 Then the children of Ju'dah came unto Josh'ua in Gil'gal : and Ca'leb the son of Jephun'neh the Ken'ezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Mo'ses the man of God concerning me and thee in Ka'desh-bar'nea.

7 Forty years old *was* I when Mo'ses the servant of the LORD sent me from Ka'desh-bar'nea to espy out the land ; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart.

8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt : but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

9 And Mo'ses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Mo'ses, while the children of Is'rael

wandered in the wilderness : and now, lo, I *am* this day fourscore and five years old.

11 As yet I *am as* strong this day as *I was* in the day that Mo'ses sent me : as my strength *was* then, even so *is* my strength now, for war, both to go out and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day ; for thou heardest in that day how the An'akims *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great and fenced : if so be the LORD *will be* with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

13 And Josh'ua blessed him, and gave unto Ca'leb the son of Jephun'neh He'bron for an inheritance.

14 He'bron therefore became the inheritance of Ca'leb the son of Jephun'neh the Ken'ezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Is'rael.

15 And the name of He'bron before *was* Kir'jath-ar'ba ; *which* Ar'ba *was* a great man among the An'akims. And the land had rest from war.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After the taking of Jericho, the men of Israel had much fighting to do before they fully conquered the Canaanites.

During this time the Israelites had been moving their tents from place to place, but as soon as the war was over Joshua divided the land so that each family should have its own homestead.

Among the last and fiercest of the Canaanites to be driven out were the Anakims, who belonged to a race of giants, and, under their chief Arba, lived in a very beautiful and fertile part of the country among the hills of Hebron.

The man who gave Joshua the most help in conquering this terrible tribe was Caleb, the oldest man in Israel and one of the first spies.

While Joshua was at Gilgal, the place in which he had called a great meeting of the people that he might make out each man's share of the land, Caleb and the chief men of his tribe, the tribe of Judah, came and were among the first to receive their inheritance. At this assembly Caleb told the story of his life.

He reminded Joshua of the time when they had both been young men in the wilderness, and of how Moses had sent them with the spies to this very country of the Anakims. But instead of joining with the other spies in their evil report of the land, Caleb had said, "Let us not be afraid ! Surely God is able to fight for us !"

Now because he had remained faithful on