

Berean Lesson Leaf.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FIRST YEAR—1873—APRIL.

SECOND QUARTER: TWELVE LESSONS FROM GENESIS.

SABBATH, April 6.—**LESSON I.—Israel: the New Name.**—Gen. xxxii. 24-30.

Leader. 24. And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. Hos. xii. 4, 5; Eph. vi. 12.

School. 25. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

L. 26. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh.

And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

S. 27. And he said unto him, What is thy name?

And he said, Jacob.

L. 28. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel; for as a Prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. 2 Kings xvii. 34.

S. 29. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name.

L. 30. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

S. 30. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel; for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. Exod. xxiv. 11.

TOPIC—Prevailing with God.

Golden Text—And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. Gen. xxxii. 28.

Home Readings.

M. Gen. xxxii. 24-30.
Tu. Rev. iii. 1-13.
W. Judges vi. 11-27.
Th. Luke xi. 1-13.
F. Isa. vi.
S. Luke xviii. 1-16.
Sa. Judges xiii. 8-23.

LESSON SCHEME.

BIBLE SEARCHINGS:

Gen. xiv. 2.	Gen. xvii. 5.	Mark xvi. 2, 5.
Eph. vi. 12.	Isa. lxi. 2.	Ps. lxx. 16.
Ps. xxii. 14.	2 Cor. xii. 7.	Luke xxiv. 28, 29.
Matt. vii. 7.	Gen. xlvii. 29.	Isa. xlv. 3.
Ps. lxxxviii. 13.	Judges viii. 4.	Rev. xxii. 4.
Deut. v. 24.		

[Read Gen. xxxii. 1-23, introductory to the lesson.]

Outline:

- I. A LONELY NIGHT, v. 24;
- II. COMBAT WITH THE ANGEL, v. 24-26;
- III. A GLORIOUS DAYLIGHT, v. 26-28;
- IV. THE NEW NAME OF VICTORY, v. 28.

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

1. Why was Jacob alone?

Can you think of any advantages in being alone?

Can we ever be really alone?

In what sense was Jacob alone?

Who is recorded as being alone in prayer, in Matt. xxvi. 36-44?

2. Who strove with Jacob? v. 24.

What is he called in verse 30?

What is he named in Hosea xii. 4?

Where is an angel called a "man"? Mark xvi. 5.

Who was he? [The Divine Presence in human form; the Angel of the Covenant; the Messiah. v. 30.]

How long did the struggle continue? v. 24.

Can we expect a blessing from God if we do not seek it earnestly?

What did the angel do to Jacob?

Did Jacob's consciousness of his weakness prevent his struggle?

3. What did the daylight bring to Jacob?

What will seasons of earnest, believing prayer, bring to us?

Does not the special blessing of God make any day glorious?

Do you remember any such day in your life?

What was the blessing Jacob sought? v. 11.

What was the blessing given? v. 30.

4. What name did the angel give to Jacob?

What is the meaning of "Israel"? [Prince of God.]

Can you give any other instances recorded in the Bible of names being changed? Gen. xvii. 5;

Luke vi. 14; John i. 42.

What memorial name did Jacob give to this place? v. 30.

Where are we taken in this lesson—

1. That God appears to man in blessing?
2. The advantage of importunate prayer?
2. That God is pleased with earnest seeking for a blessing?
4. That fervent prayer prevaileth with God?

Song of the Fourth Month.

To Jacob, said the heavenly guest,
I bless thee, and thou shalt be blest!
Because thou hast prevailed with me,
So Israel now thy name shall be.

Chorus—O who by searching e'er can find
The treasures of immortal mind!
Or penetrate the wondrous plan
That rules the destiny of man.