

## INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

THIRD YEAR—1875—APRIL.

## SECOND QUARTER: LESSONS IN OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1875.

LESSON I.—ISRAEL'S PROMISE. Joshua 24. 14-18.

## Berean Notes.

**Leader.** 14 Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord.

**School.** 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell:

**L.** But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

**s.** 16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forget the Lord, to serve other gods:

**L.** 17 For the Lord our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed.

**s.** 18 And the Lord drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwell in the land: therefore will we also serve the Lord; for he is our God.

## HOME READINGS.

Mon. 1 Kings 3. 1-15. Th. Luke 8. 13-21.  
Tu. 1 Kings 11. 1-14. Fr. John 13. 21-28.  
Wed. 1 Kings 18. 20-39. Sat. John 18. 15-27.  
Sabbath. 1 John 5.

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

This lesson continues the final address of Joshua before "all the tribes of Israel" at Shechem. In the last review-lesson (March 28) we reviewed with Joshua "God's Mercies to Israel." We now come to the practical ap-

plication of his review in this appeal to Israel. We find as our *Text* states it: *A promise of service promptly made*, and the very language of that promise condensed in the *GOLDEN TEXT*: "*The Lord our God will we serve, and His voice will we obey.*" The light now shines in Israel. The leader leaves them in a state of prosperity and peace. He had made (see *OUTLINE*) 1. *THE APPEAL*, v. 14, 15, and they had made. 2. *THE PLEDGE*, v. 16-18—of service to Him who is set forth in the *DOCTRINE SUGGESTED*: *The One God*.

LESSON HYMN.—Tune "Harwell."—9th P. M.

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow thee;  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou, from hence, my All shalt be;  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought, or hoped, or known;  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own!

Let the world despise and leave me;  
They have left my Saviour too,  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them, untrue;  
And while thou shalt smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love and might;  
Foes may hate and friends may shun me,  
Show thy face, and all is bright:

## QUESTIONS, etc.

Recite TITLE, TOPIC, GOLDEN TEXT and OUTLINE.

1. *The Appeal*, v. 14, 15.

By whom, and to whom, was this appeal made?

What fact stated in v. 29 makes it specially solemn?

What are they asked to do unto the Lord? v. 14.

What are they asked to put away?

What were "the gods" which their fathers served?