

Lesson IV.

JOSHUA AND CALEB

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Joshua 14 : 5-15. Commit to memory vs. 12-14. Read Joshua 14 ; Numbers 14 : 1-24.

5 As the Lord commanded Mo'ses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

6 Then the children of Ju'dah came unto Josh'ua in Gilgal ; and Caleb the son of Jephunn'eh 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 Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy 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 Moses 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 Moses, while the children of

Revised Version—1 Concerning ; 2 Spake ; 3 Walked ; 4 And ; 5 It may be ; 6 And,

GOLDEN TEXT

Josh. 14 : 14. He wholly followed the Lord.

DAILY READINGS

M.—Joshua 14 : 5-15. Joshua and Caleb.
T.—Deut. 1 : 19-36. Promise for Caleb.
W.—Psalm 112. Blessing of godliness.
Th.—Psalm 18 : 19-30. Reward of the upright.
F.—Psalm 37 : 1-11. Confidence in God.
S.—Psalm 37 : 27-40. A righteous man's inheritance.
S.—Mark 10 : 23-31. Reward of true followers.

CATECHISM

Q. 47. What is forbidden in the first commandment ?
A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God ; and the giving of that worship

Israel 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 Moses 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 Caleb the son of Jephunn'eh Hebron for an inheritance.

14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunn'eh the Ken'ezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel.

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

and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

TIME AND PLACE.

The time was about seven years after the last lesson, B.C. 1444 or B.C. 1244. Gilgal was Joshua's capital near the Jordan. Hebron was twenty miles south of Jerusalem, in the midst of the beautiful plain of Mamre.

LESSON PLAN

I. A Promise Claimed, 5-9.
Which Moses gave to Caleb for his faithfulness.
II. A Task Undertaken, 10-12.
By an old man, with the vigor of youth.
III. An Inheritance Given, 13-15.
By a noble leader to a tried follower.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 11 : 66 (Ps. Sel.) ; 245 : 535 ; 232 ; 238.

EXPOSITION

Connecting Links—The chapters which follow the last lesson give an account of the progress of the conquest. The leading events were the defeat at Ai (ch. 7) by reason of the sin of Achan, the subsequent capture of Ai (ch. 8), the erection of an altar on Mt. Ebal, with the responsive repetition of the blessings and the curses (8 : 30-35), the surrender of the cities of Gibeon (ch. 9), the defeat of the southern confederacy there (ch. 10), and the complete overthrow of the northern confederacy at Merom (ch. 11). Then the division of the land is recorded. First, the region east of the Jordan (ch. 12); directions are then given for the distribution of the land west of the Jordan by lot, 14 : 1-4. An incident at the beginning of that division is given in the lesson.

I. A Promise Claimed, 5-9.

V. 5. As the Lord commanded Moses, (Num. 35 : 2.) Very exactly did Joshua carry out the injunctions of Moses. The division of the land by lot was carried out under the

supervision of Joshua himself assisted by Eleazar the priest and the leaders of the people, vs. 1, 2.

V. 6. The children of Judah came to Joshua ; through their representative leaders. The request, therefore, was endorsed by the tribe. In Gilgal ; where the tabernacle stood before its removal to Shiloh. Caleb. Early in the wilderness wanderings Caleb became prominent, having been chosen with Joshua at Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, Num. 13 : 6. He showed his fidelity to God in the rebellion of the Israelites there, Num. 14 : 6-9. The Ken'ezite ; a descendant of Kenaz, the son of Esau, Gen. 36 : 15. "The probabilities are that Caleb, or his father, had become members of the tribe of Judah by adoption." The thing that the Lord said unto Moses. Caleb reminds Joshua of the recognition of his services made by Moses, Num. 14 : 24 ; Deut. 1 : 36. He now prefers his claim to the promised reward. In Kadesh-barnea ; whence the spies were sent forth.