

By the suggestion of the International Lesson Committee, where the verses in the Lesson passage exceed a dozen, only a portion is printed, but comment is given on the whole passage. This arrangement will be continued only to the close of the present year, after which the Whole Lesson Passage will again be printed, as formerly.

International Bible Lessons

Studies in the Lives of the Patriarchs

LESSON CALENDAR: THIRD QUARTER

1. July 7. God the Creator of All Things. Gen. 1:1 to 2:3.
2. July 14. Beginning of Sin and Redemption. Gen. 3:1-15.
3. July 21. Noah Saved in the Ark. Gen. 8:1-22.
4. July 28. God Calls Abram. Gen. 12:1-18.
5. August 4. Abram and Lot. Gen. 13:1-18.
6. August 11. God's Promise to Abram. Gen. 15:1-18.
7. August 18. Abraham's Intercession. Gen. 18:16-33.
8. August 25. Abraham and Isaac. Gen. 22:1-14.
9. September 1. Isaac the Peacemaker. Gen. 26:12-25.
10. September 8. Jacob at Bethel. Gen. 28:10-22.
11. September 15. Jacob a Prince with God. Gen. 32:1-32.
12. September 22. Temperance Lesson. Proverbs 23:29-35.
13. September 29. REVIEW.

Lesson I.

GOD THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS

July 7, 1901

Genesis 1:1-2:3; v. 26 to 2:3 only printed, by recommendation of International S.S. Lesson Committee. Commit to memory vs. 26, 27.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a

Revised Version—And; *Bearing; *There was the evening and there was morning, the sixth day; *And the heaven; *Finished; *Hallowed; *Omit had.

GOLDEN TEXT

Gen. 1:1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

DAILY READINGS

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| M. —Gen. 1:1-13. | } God the Creator of all things. |
| W. —Gen. 1:14-25. | |
| Th. —Gen. 1:26 to 2:3. | |
| F. —Psalm 8. | |
| S. —Isaiah 40:21-31. | |
| S. —Job 38:1-14. | God's greatness in creation. |
| S. —Psalm 104:1-12, 19-24. | Mighty power. |
| | God's questions. |
| | Wisdom in creation. |

CATECHISM

Q. 84. What doth every sin deserve?

tree yielding seed: to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Ch. 2:1 *Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

evening and there was morning, the sixth day; *And

A. Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

TIME AND PLACE

Time: the beginning of all things. Place: this earth which God made.

LESSON PLAN

I. The Creation of the World, 1-25.

By the almighty wisdom and power of God.

II. The Creation of Man, 26-31.

In the Divine image and likeness.

III. The Day of Rest, ch. 2:1-3.

When the work of creation was finished.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 72 (Ps. Sel.); 1:22; 512; 509; 518.

EXPOSITION

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Introduction.—The book of Genesis is the portal of divine revelation. As its title implies, it is a book of "beginnings." It records the commencement of time, of the created universe, of history, and of human redemption. The opening chapters show how, through successive periods and by progressive stages, God created the world out of nothing, with its ordered regularity and

completeness of arrangement. This first lesson teaches that God prepared the earth as the abode of man, created him with dominion over it, and then observed Sabbath rest.

I. The Creation of the World, 1-25.

Vs. 1, 2. *In the beginning.* This was the beginning of time. *God created the heaven and the earth.* Here the material universe came in-