

International Bible Lessons

Studies in the Old Testament from Moses to Samuel

LESSON CALENDAR: FOURTH QUARTER

1. October 5	Joshua Encouraged. Josh. 1: 1-11.
2. October 12	Crossing the Jordan. Josh. 3: 9-17.
3. October 19	The Fall of Jericho. Josh. 6: 12-20.
4. October 26	Joshua and Caleb. Josh. 14: 5-15.
5. November 2	Cities of Refuge. Josh. 20: 1-9.
6. November 9	Joshua's Parting Advice. Josh. 24: 14-25.
7. November 16	The Time of the Judges. Judges 2: 7-16.
8. November 23	World's Temperance Lesson. Isa. 28: 1-7.
9. November 30	Gideon and the Three Hundred. Judges 7: 1-8.
10. December 7	Ruth and Naomi. Ruth 1: 16-22.
11. December 14	The Boy Samuel. 1 Sam. 3: 6-14.
12. December 21	Samuel the Judge. 1 Sam. 7: 2-13.
13. December 28	REVIEW.

Lesson X.

RUTH AND NAOMI

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Ruth 1: 16-22. Commit to memory vs. 16, 17. Read Ruth, chs. 1-4.

16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: 17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

18 When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

19 So they two went until they came to Beth'lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth'lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and

they said, Is this Na'omi?

20 And she said unto them, Call me not Na'omi, call me Ma'ra: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Na'omi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

22 So Na'omi returned, and Ruth the Mo'abites, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth'lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

Revised Version—1 The women.

A. The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word, and works.

TIME AND PLACE

Probably in the time of Gideon, B.C. 1222-1182. Bethlehem was the home of David and the birthplace of Jesus. Moab lay east of the Dead Sea and the southern Jordan.

LESSON PLAN

I. A Resolute Choice, 16-18.
Of God and His people instead of home and country.

II. A Sorrowful Journey, 19-21.
To the scene of former happiness, now ended.

III. A Tolleme Life, 22.
In the fields of a wealthy kinsman.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 105 (Ps. Sel.); 580; 657; 223; 216; 218.

GOLDEN TEXT

Rom. 12: 10. Be kindly affectioned one to another.

DAILY READINGS

M. —Ruth 1: 1-10.	Sad bereavements.
T. —Ruth 1: 14-22.	Ruth and Naomi.
W. —Ruth 2: 1-12.	Ruth and Boaz.
Th. —Ruth 2: 13-22.	Kindness of Boaz.
F. —1 Sam. 20: 11-17.	Jonathan and David.
S. —1 John 4: 7-21.	Brotherly love.
S. —Rom. 8: 31-39.	Inseparable love.

CATECHISM

Q. 53. Which is the third commandment?

A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Q. 54. What is required in the third commandment?

EXPOSITION

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Connecting Links—The book of Judges deals with the public history of Israel, from the conquest of Canaan to the establishment of the kingdom. The book of Ruth presents a picture of domestic life, showing that amid the public turmoil of the nation, there were homes in which "the occupations of peace and the practice of piety" prevailed. Ruth is a necessary counterpart of The Judges in the presentation of a distinct view of the

whole life of the people for the period. The literary form of the book is that of the Biblical idyll. The opening verses record the emigration of Elimelech, with his wife Naomi and his two sons, from Bethlehem in Judah to the land of Moab, on account of famine; his death and that of his sons, who had married Orpah and Ruth, women of Moab; the decision of Naomi to return to her own land; the farewell of Orpah; and