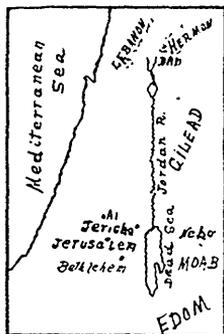


8, 9. This book ; the roll of leather on which the laws of Moses had been written. Not . . out of thy mouth ; read it, teach it and let all you say be in agreement with it. Meditate ; study and think about it. Do. Talking about God's law and studying it are in vain without obeying it. Prosperous . . good success ; the sure reward of obedience.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



The opposite bank of the Jordan to Moab is now overgrown with weeds and pasture shrubs. Beyond these green pastures the ground is higher, forming a long, nearly level terrace. The Canaanite town of JERICHO, surrounded by a protecting wall of stone, stood on that terrace about six miles back from the river. On a clear night it would be easy for Joshua, from the higher

ground on the Moab side of the stream, to see the light of fires and flaming torches in the enemies' town. Beyond the broad plain of Jericho the highlands of JUDEA stand like a great, massive wall against the western sky. Joshua knew that the hill country over there was already occupied by heathen who would fight hard before being driven out. The stronghold of Ai was 15 to 18 miles from the Jericho plain, high up amongst the hills. A pagan settlement where Jerusalem now stands was less than 20 miles away. Westward, 60 miles beyond the watershed lay the Mediterranean. The land was well worth having, but it would have to be fought over mile after mile, if the Israelites meant to master it and leave it to their own descendants.

LESSON QUESTIONS

- 1 Where had Moses died ? How long had Israel mourned for him ? What was Moses' highest title ? Where is he praised for his faithfulness ? To whom did the Lord now speak ? Give an account of Joshua's life up to this point. Where in the New Testament is he referred to ? (Heb. 4 : S, Rev. Ver.)
- 2 Where are we told of Joshua's selection as Moses' successor ? Who now confirmed this selection ?

Describe the Jordan. Why was the command to Joshua to cross over it a test of faith and courage ?

3, 4 Describe the boundaries of the Promised Land. Quote from one of the Psalms a description of the wide dominions of the Messiah. (Ps. 72 : 8.)

5-7 Who was to be the source of Joshua's power ? What was to be the rule of his conduct ?

8, 9 What was "this book" like ? What three things were required of Joshua in connection with it ?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Which was the greater leader, Moses or Joshua ?
2. Are good men always successful ?

A LESSON FOR LIFE

The traveler crossing from Dover to Calais may see the luggage of the passengers, aggregating many hundreds of pounds placed in a couple of huge boxes, each about half the size of a box car. When the boxes have been filled they are picked up by a crane, one after the other, lifted high into the air, swung round to the proper position and then deposited in the desired spot on board ship. It takes but one man to work the crane. By using the machinery at hand his power is multiplied by many hundred-folds. So when we face our appointed tasks in brave and steadfast obedience to God, He increases our strength until it is sufficient to overcome all difficulties.

Prove from Scripture—*That God's help gives success.*

Shorter Catechism—*Ques. 79. Which is the tenth commandment ?* A. The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's.

The Question on Missions—8. How many of the congregations are self-supporting ? Almost all. They build their own churches, and pay the running expenses. They contribute towards the support of evangelists and the Christian primary schools. Men continue their ordinary occupations and serve as church leaders without salary, until the congregation becomes large enough to support its own native pastor.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : 129 (Supplemental Lesson), 304, 309, 52 (Ps. Sel.), 297 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 245.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What command was given to Joshua ?
2. What were to be the boundaries of the promised land ?
3. How was Joshua to be strengthened for his duties ?