

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. 12:1-9.
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 IX.

### ISAAC THE PEACEMAKER

September 1, 1901

Genesis 26:12-25. Vs. 16-25 only printed, as recommended by the International S.S. Lesson Committee. Commit to memory vs. 24, 25. Read Gen. 23:1 to 24:67.

16 And Abim'elech said unto I'saac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

17 And I'saac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Ge'rar, and dwelt there.

18 And I'saac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of A'braham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of A'braham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19 And I'saac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

20 And the herdmen of Ge'rar did strive with I'saac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well E'sek; because they strove with him.

21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sit'nah.

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Reh'o'both; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23 And he went up from thence to Be'er-she'ba.

24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of A'braham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant A'braham's sake.

25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there I'saac's servants digged a well.

**Revised Version**—1 Encamped; 2 Strove; 3 Contended; 4 They.

#### GOLDEN TEXT

Matt. 5:9. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

#### DAILY READINGS

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| M. —Gen. 26:12-25.   | Isaac the peacemaker. |
| T. —Gen. 26:26-33.   | A treaty of peace.    |
| W. —Gen. 21:22-32.   | A former dispute.     |
| Th. —Prov. 16:19-33. | Slow to anger.        |
| F. —Col. 3:9-17.     | The rule of peace.    |
| S. —1 Cor. 13.       | Greatness of charity. |
| S. —Matt. 5:1-12.    | The blessing.         |

#### CATECHISM

Q. 92. What is a sacrament?  
A. A sacrament is a holy ordinance, instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the

benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

#### TIME AND PLACE

About 1804 B.C., or say 67 years after our last lesson, the locality being first in the country of the Philistines near the sea coast and afterwards at Beer-sheba, I'saac's home.

#### LESSON PLAN

I. A Man of Wealth, 12-15.

And so envied of the Philistines.

II. A Lover of Peace, 16-22.

Giving up the wells he had dug, rather than strive.

III. The Heir of the Promise, 23-25.

Which Jehovah solemnly repeats to him.

#### LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 219; 1 (Ps. Sel.); 230; 575; 285; 580.

#### EXPOSITION

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**Connecting Links**—The next important event recorded in the life of Abraham after the strange experience at Mt. Moriah (ch. 22) is the death of Sarah. For her he purchased the burial place of Machpelah from the Hittites, which was his first possession of the land (ch. 23). Then Isaac was married to Rebekah, and when a famine occurred in the

land of Canaan, he took up his residence at Gerar, in the land of Philistia (26:1), twenty-five miles to the west of his home at Beer-sheba.

#### I. A Man of Wealth, 12-15.

Vs. 12-15. Hitherto Isaac, like Abraham before him, had lived a nomadic life. Now, during his temporary stay among the Phil-