

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 4.

JANUARY 28th, 1894.

1st QUARTER.

God's Covenant with Noah. Gen. 9: 8-17.

GOLDEN-TEXT: "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth." Gen. 9: 13.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 11-13.

PROVE THAT—God fulfils his promises.— Heb. 10: 23.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 85. What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

DAILY PORTIONS.

(The Selections of the International Bible Reading Association.)

MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Gen. 9: 8-17	Ps. 51: 10-19	Heb. 11: 1-6	Mat. 5: 17-24	1 John 3: 10-15	Eph. 4: 25-32	Heb. 12: 18-29

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HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. The human race seems to have deteriorated morally with great rapidity. The godly race of Seth ("sons of God") intermarried with the godless descendants of Cain ("daughters of men") and the result was the same as it would be, now. The former were dragged down to the level of the latter (see 2 Cor. 6, 14). Mighty men, of strength and prowess, were leaders in deeds of violence and famous by reason of their infamy. The whole earth was corrupt and God had but one witness for righteousness, as far as the narrative relates. There was but one course left if the race was to be preserved from utter extinction by evil and God's plan of redemption carried out. A new beginning must be made. Accordingly God announces to Noah his intention of bringing a flood of water upon the earth to destroy mankind. The covenant is to be established with him, and through him with a new humanity. Ample warning is given to the wicked, for 120 years Noah preaches and warns; but when the appointed time has come, God shuts the door of the Ark upon his faithful servant and his family (eight persons) and the creatures with him. (Compare the Parable of the Ten Virgins).

The Ark was large enough to hold an immense cargo. It was 450 feet long, 75 wide and 45 high, and could easily have contained all the animals which would be unable to escape from the rising waters to safer regions, for only that portion of the earth inhabited by man was covered. No wild beasts are mentioned as being in it. (Murphy). The following table may be called

THE ARK'S LOG-BOOK.

Noah's age	Month.	Day.	Events.	Reference.
600	2	17	Entered the Ark. The flood begins	7: 11
"	3	27	Raining for 40 days. The Ark floats.	7: 17
"	7	17	Drifting about for 110 days. Ark grounded (no entry for 10 weeks and 3 days).	8: 3, 4
"	10	11	Tops of mountains visible.	8: 5
"	11	11	The raven sent out.	8: 6, 7
"	"	18	The dove sent out and returned.	8: 8, 9
"	"	25	The dove sent out and returns with leaf.	8: 10, 11
"	12	2	The dove sent out and does not return. (no entry for four weeks).	8: 12
601	1	1	Water gone, ground appears to be dry. (no entry for 8 weeks).	8: 13
"	2	27	All disembark. Log-book closed	9: 14-19

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