Lesson IV.

IOSHUA AND CALEB

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Joshua 14: 5-15. Commit to memory vs. 12-14. Read Joshua 14; Numbers 14: 1-24.

5 As the LORD commanded Mo'ses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

6 Then the children of Ju'dah came unto Josh'ua in Gilgal: and Ca leb the son of Jephunn'eh the Ken'-ezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the Lord said unto Mo'ses the man of God concerning me

and I thee in Ka'desh-bar'nea.
7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in

mine heart

8 Never heless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the Lord my God.

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9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God.

10 And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he 2 said, these forty and five years, ev n since the Lord spake this word unto Moses, while the children of the

Israel swandcred in the wilderness; and now, lo. I

am this day tourscore and five years old.

11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Meses sent me: as my strength was then even so is my strength now, for war, 4 both to go out and to come in

and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof
the Lond spake in that day; for thou heardest in that
day how the An'akins were there, and that the cities
were great and fenced: 6 if so be the Lond will be with
me, other I shall be able to drive them out as the

13 And Josh'ua blessed him, and gave unto Ca'leb the son of Jephunn'ch He'bron for an inheritance. 14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunn'ch the Ken'ezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the name of Hebron before was Kir'jathar ba; which Arba was a great man among the An'a-kims, And the land had rest from war.

Revised Version-1 Concerning; 2 Spake; 3 Walked; 4 And; 3 It may be; 6 And.

EXPLANATION

Connection-Joshua next marched against the city of Ai, but was defeated, 7:1-5. Achan's sin, the cause of defeat, was severely punished (vs. 19-26), and then Ai was taken, 8: 3-29. The covenant was again renewed (8: 30-35) to show their dependence upon God, and the conquest of the land then began in earnest, chs. 9 to 12. About six years after crossing the Jordan the land was divided among the tribes, ch. 13. This lesson is an incident in that division.

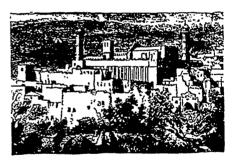
5. As the Lord commanded Moses; in Num. 34:13-29. They divided the land; by lot, vs. 1, 2. Reuben and Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh had their land on the east of the Jordan (v. 3), and the Levites had no possession (v. 3), being set apart to sacred duties.

6. The children of Judah; that is, members of the tribe of Judah. In Gilgal. See "Time and Place." Caleb; one of the twelve spies, Num. 13: 6. The Kenezite; a descendant of Kenaz (Seech. 15: 17), possibly of the Edomite tribe mentioned in Gen. 15:19, and therefore a proselyte incorporated into the tribe of Judah. Thou knowest, etc.; referring to the promise made him in Num. 14:24. The promise is quoted in v. 9. In Kadesh-barnea; the border place from which the spies had been sent out, Num. 13:26.

7, 8. To spy out the land. There were twelve spics sent, one for each tribe, Num. 13:2. As it was in my heart. He gave an honest report, Num. 13: 30. My brethren; save Joshua-the ten false and cowardly spies, v. 31. Made the heart of the people melt. They discouraged them by their gloomy report, Num. 14: 1-4. But I wholly followed the Lord; testified as in the sight of God, and was ready to go wherever God should lead.

9. Moses, speaking for God, sware, etc. Num. 13:21: Deut. 1:36. Where thy feet have trodden; when spying out the land. The promise does not embrace the whole of the land through which he had passed, but some particular part of it, to be his special possession.

10-12. The Lord hath kept me alive (See Num. 14:30); a pledge that He would also give him his possession. I am as strong, etc. Though 85 years old, he was physically able to take possession of his land. This mountain. Hebron is 2,718 feet above the sea level. The Anakim; a race of giants. Num. 13:33. Cities great and fenced; strongly fortified by high walls. If so be, etc.; not implying



Hebron-Mosque and Part of Town

doubt. He knew God would be with him, and he cared not for giants or walls. I shall . . . drive them out. There were still many strongholds of the enemy in the land, as in ch. 15: 63.

13-15. Joshua blessed; granted him his request and wished him well. Gave ... Hebron; a place of sacred associations, Gen. 23:2;35:27. It had been captured by Joshua (10:36, 37), but was again in the hands of the enemy. Because he wholly followed the Lord; repeated to show the great importance of obedience. (vs. 8, 9.) Kirjath-arba; that is, the city of Arla. It was originally called Hebron (Gen. 23: 2), but the giant Arba (15:13) had conquered it and given it his name. The land had rest from war: but only for a time, for the inhabitants were not wholly subdued, and Israel grew weak through failing into their sinful ways.