

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III. 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.

IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

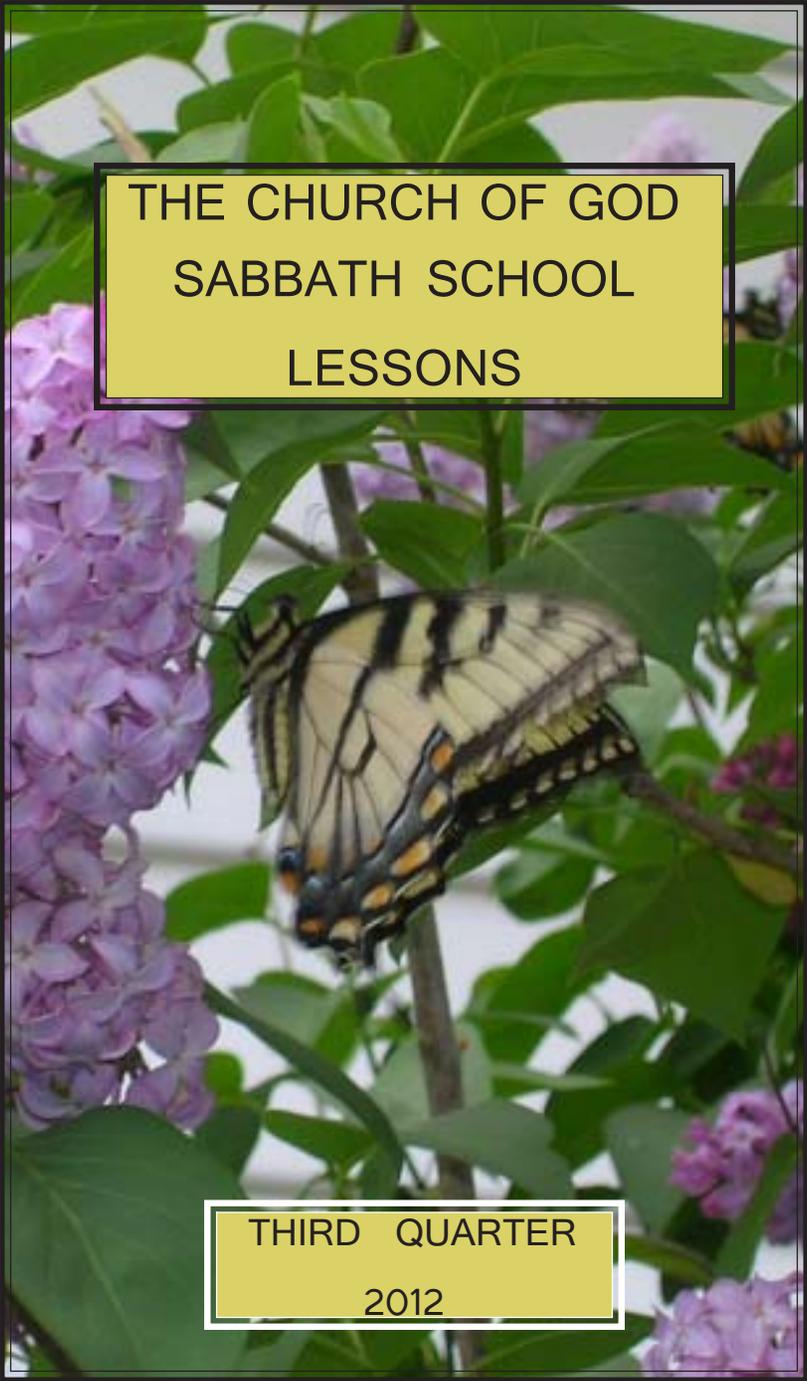
VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.



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IN THIS QUARTERLY

Abraham believed God and he was accounted righteous. Because he was faithful his descendants inherited the Promised Land. In this quarterly we will look at the twelve tribes of Israel and others related to him. While not everyone in the Middle East is related to Abraham, most are.

There are those who believe and teach that ten tribes have been lost in history, but we would have to ask, Did Jesus send the disciples on a fools' errand when he sent them to preach? (See Matthew 10:6). They were lost spiritually, not physically.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 17:1-19.

Golden Text: Genesis 22:18.

1. How does Matthew start his Gospel? Matthew 1:1-2.
 2. Who does Jacob meet at the well? Genesis 29:1-11.
 3. What are we told about his feelings for Rachel? Genesis 29:15-20.
 4. When the time comes for Jacob to marry Rachel, what does Laban do to them? Genesis 29:23-25.
 5. Is there a new contract made between Jacob and Laban? Genesis 29:26-30.
 6. How many children did Leah bear? Genesis 29:32-35; 30:17-21.
 7. Zilpah, Leah's handmaid, had two children. Who were they? Genesis 30:9-13.
 8. When Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, what did she propose to him? Genesis 30:1-8.
 9. Did God remember Rachel? Genesis 30:22-24; 35:16-18.
- NOTE: Abraham is the great-grandfather to the twelve tribes of Israel. Remember Jacob's name was changed to Israel (Genesis 32:27-28).*
10. How many of Abraham's descendants came into Egypt? Genesis 46:26-28.
 11. After 430 years in Egypt, what are we told about the size of his descendants that left? Exodus 12:37-40.

Lesson For Sabbath, July 14, 2012

REUBEN

Scripture Reading: Psalms 127 and 128.

Golden Text: Genesis 49:3.

1. What else did Jacob say about Reuben? Genesis 49:4.
2. What had he done to his father? Genesis 35:22.
3. When his brother wanted to kill him, who came to Joseph's aid? Genesis 37:20-22 (first part).
4. How did Reuben want to handle the situation? Genesis 37:22 (last part).
5. What happened? Genesis 37:28-30.

NOTE: Reuben wanted to return Joseph to his father, but when he was gone the others sold him.

6. When famine was in the land, what did Jacob tell his sons to do to help them survive? Genesis 42:1-2.
7. When Joseph was hard on his brethren, of what did Reuben remind them? Genesis 42:13-22.
8. How many children of Reuben were able to go forth to war? Numbers 1:1-3, 19-21.
9. What are we told of his inheritance? Numbers 32:37-38; Joshua 13:15-23.
10. Will Reuben be represented in the 144,000? Revelation 7:5 (middle of verse).

Lesson For Sabbath, July 21, 2012

SIMEON

Scripture Reading: Psalm 71.

Golden Text: Proverbs 11:17.

1. What does Jacob say about Simeon? Genesis 49:5-7.
2. What happened to Jacob's daughter Dinah? Genesis 34:1-5.
3. When marriage was suggested, what were Hivites told to do? Genesis 34:7-15.
4. Did Simeon and Levi honor the agreement? Genesis 34:24-27.
5. How did Jacob respond to their actions? Genesis 34:30.
6. When Joseph asked his brothers to leave someone in Egypt, who was chosen? Genesis 42:18-20, 24.
7. What did Jacob think when his sons returned without Simeon? Genesis 42:31-36.

NOTE: Jacob thought Simeon was dead, and he was going to lose Benjamin also.

8. How many were numbered in the tribe of Simeon? Numbers 1:22-23.
9. When the new generation was counted, what number are we given? Numbers 26:14.
10. What are we told about the census? Numbers 26:63-65.
11. Do we find Simeon listed among the 144,000? Revelation 7:4,7 (first part).

Lesson For Sabbath, July 28, 2012

LEVI

Scripture Reading: Numbers 8:5-26.

Golden Text: I Peter 2:9.

1. Jacob said the same thing about Levi as he said about Simeon. What was it? Genesis 49:5-7.
2. Last week we learned that Levi helped Simeon spoil the Hivites. Where else were the Levites used to exact punishment? Exodus 32:25-28.
3. What was Levi's inheritance? Joshua 13:14.
4. Did they receive any land? Joshua 21:1-3,13,19.

NOTE: While their inheritance was service to the Lord and the tribes, the Levites received some land for their cattle and cities of refuge.

5. What else was specifically designated for the Levites for their service? Numbers 18:20-21.
6. Were the Levites to tithe as well? Numbers 18:24-26.
7. Could all Levites be priests? Leviticus 21:16-24.
8. Were sacrifices offered every day? Exodus 29:38-39.
9. Did Jeroboam make priests of others not belonging to the tribe of Levi? I Kings 12:31.
10. Is the tribe of Levi listed among the 144,000? Revelation 7:4, 7 (middle sentence).

Lesson For Sabbath, August 4, 2012

JUDAH

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9.

Golden Text: II Samuel 7:16.

1. When Jacob spoke to his sons, what was said of Judah? Genesis 49:8-12.

NOTE: Shiloh refers to the Messiah, or Jesus. Judah is His tribe.

2. How does Matthew write about the generations of Jesus? Matthew 1:16-17.
3. Does the Psalmist write that the Lord chose Judah? Psalm 78:65-68.
4. After the death of Joshua, what tribe was selected to go up against the Canaanites? Judges 1:1-10.
5. In the war against the tribe of Benjamin, what tribe was selected to go first? Judges 20:14-18.
6. When the first judge was selected for Israel, what do we learn about his lineage? Judges 3:9; Numbers 13:1-3, 6.
7. What does David tell us when he gives counsel to Israel and to Solomon? I Chronicles 28:1-4.
8. How does the writer of Hebrews present the reader with a change of priesthoods? Hebrews 7:11-14.
9. Who can loose the seven seals? Revelation 5:1-5.
10. Are 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Judah? Revelation 7:4-5 (first sentence).

Lesson For Sabbath, August 11, 2012

JOSEPH

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37.
Golden Text: Proverbs 14:30.

1. When Jacob called his sons before he died, what are we told about Joseph? Genesis 49:22-26.
2. What two bad characteristics did his brethren display toward Joseph? Genesis 37:3-4, 8, 11 (first part).
3. Is it possible to hate our brother and have eternal life abiding in us? I John 2:9, 11; 3:15.
4. While Joseph suffered for a time, where did he finally serve in Pharaoh's government? Genesis 41:38-44.
5. Because Joseph was rejected by his brethren, who did he marry? Genesis 41:45.
6. What are we told about his two sons? Genesis 41:50-52.
7. Did Jacob accept these two children? Genesis 48:1-5.
8. When Jacob blessed these boys, what happened? Genesis 48:17-22.
9. Was Joseph given an additional portion above his brethren? Genesis 48:22; Joshua 17:1.
10. Do we find the tribe of Joseph mentioned among those sealed? Revelation 7:4, 8 (middle sentence).
11. After their father's death, did Joseph try to hurt his brothers? Genesis 50:15-21.

Lesson For Sabbath, August 18, 2012

EPHRAIM

Scripture Reading: Genesis 41:45-57.
Golden Text: Zechariah 10:7.

1. What does the name Ephraim mean? Genesis 41:52.
 2. When Jacob blessed Ephraim, how did Joseph react? Genesis 48:17.
 3. What do we read after Joseph tried to correct his father? Genesis 48:18-20.
 4. How long did Joseph live? Genesis 50:22-23.
- NOTE: He was able to see the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Ephraim.*
5. Did Ephraim receive a portion of the promised land? Joshua 16:1-4.
 6. Were the Canaanites living among the Ephraimites? Joshua 16:9-10; Judges 1:28-29.
 7. When David was anointed king over Judah, who was king over Israel, including Ephraim? II Samuel 2:1-4, 8-11.
 8. Did Ephraim always keep the covenant of God? Psalm 78:9-11.
 9. Was Ephraim cast out? Jeremiah 7:15.
 10. Does the Lord have mercy upon Ephraim? Jeremiah 31:20.

NOTE: We do not find the tribe of Ephraim among the 144,000.

Lesson For Sabbath, August 25, 2012

MANASSEH

Scripture Reading: Numbers 32:29-42.

Golden Text: Psalm 60:7 (first part).

1. Who was the first born son of Joseph? Genesis 41:51; 48:14.
2. Was Joseph given an extra portion? Genesis 48:22; Ezekiel 47:13.
3. Did Manasseh receive this extra portion? Joshua 17:1-8.
4. Were the children of Manasseh able to drive the Canaanites out of their land? Joshua 17:12-13.
5. What did the Lord command Moses to do concerning the people that dwelt in the promised land? Joshua 11:18-20.

NOTE: Israel did not completely destroy their enemies, showing disobedience.

6. What did Israel do when they were strong? Judges 1:27-28.

NOTE: Tribute means burden, tax or forced labor.

7. Did Joshua say Ephraim and Manasseh were a great people? Joshua 17:17-18.
8. What do we read in Isaiah about Manasseh? Isaiah 9:21.
9. Does Ezekiel write about the dividing of land for the tribes? Ezekiel 48:1-4.
10. How was the stranger to be treated? Ezekiel 47:21-23.
11. Is the tribe of Manasseh part of the 144,000? Revelation 7:4,6 (last sentence).

Lesson For Sabbath, September 1, 2012

ISSACHAR AND ZEBULUN

Scripture Reading: Judges 5:1-15.

Golden Text: Psalm 18:2.

1. Who is the mother of Issachar and Zebulun? Genesis 30:17-20.
2. In his dying blessing what did Jacob say about Zebulun? Genesis 49:13.
3. Did the prophet Isaiah say anything about Zebulun? Isaiah 9:1-2.
4. Was this prophecy fulfilled? Matthew 4:12-17.
5. Is the tribe of Zebulun among the 144,000? Revelation 7:1-3, 8 (first sentence).
6. When Jacob blessed all of his sons, what do we read about Issachar? Genesis 49:14-15.
7. Who was the seventh judge of Israel, and to which tribe did he belong? Judges 10:1-2.
8. Were the brethren of Issachar valiant men of might? I Chronicles 7:1-5.
9. When the census was taken at Sinai, what do we learn about Issachar? Numbers 1:1-3, 28-29.
10. What about the next census? Numbers 26:1-4, 25.
11. Do we find Issachar in the list of tribes sealed in Revelation? Revelation 7:4, 7 (last sentence).

NOTE: Ungers Bible Dictionary reports that Issachar paid tribute to various marauding tribes attracted to its territory by the richness of the crops.

Lesson For Sabbath, September 8, 2012

GAD AND ASHER

Scripture Reading: Genesis 30:1-13.

Golden Text: Psalm 34:11.

1. What did Jacob say in his blessing about Gad? Genesis 49:19.

NOTE: Jacob used the word "troop" as well. Strongs says "troop" means crowd, army or band.

2. In the census at Sinai, what are we told about Gad? Numbers 1:1-4, 14, 24-25. Later? Numbers 26:18.

3. Did the children of Gad ask for a specific land grant? Numbers 32:1-5.

4. What did they have to agree to when Moses spoke to them? Numbers 32:6,16-19.

5. Will the tribe of Gad be numbered among the 144,000? Revelation 7:3-4, last sentence of 5.

6. How did Jacob bless Asher? Genesis 49:20.

7. What mount was included in the territory of Asher? Joshua 19:24-26.

8. Where did Ahab hold the "prophet's challenge?" I Kings 18:17-24, 42-46.

9. What notable prophetess was from the tribe of Aser (Asher)? Luke 2:36-38.

10. Will 12,000 from the tribe of Asher be sealed as well? Revelation 7:6 (first sentence).

Lesson for Sabbath, September 15, 2012

NAPHTALI AND BENJAMIN

Scripture Reading: Psalm 135.

Golden Text: Psalm 92:13.

1. What did Rachel say when Naphtali was born to her maid Bilhah? Genesis 30:7-8.

NOTE: Naphtali means "wrestling".

2. Was Naphtali mentioned in Jacob's last blessing? Genesis 49:21.

3. During their encampment the tribes were given certain positions. Where was Naphtali located? Numbers 2:25-34.

4. What man out of Kedesh-naphtali was a leader and judge? Judges 4:6, 14-16.

5. Is Naphtali recorded among the 144,000? Revelation 7:1-3, 6 (second sentence).

6. Who was Benjamin's mother, and what happened to her when he was born? Genesis 35:16-20.

7. Who was Benjamin's full brother? Genesis 35:22 (last sentence), to 26; 46:19.

8. Before Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, what did he ask them to do? Genesis 42:8, 13-20.

9. What did Israel say about Benjamin? Genesis 49:1, 27.

10. After a civil war, how did the tribe of Benjamin replace the women? Judges 21:14, 19-21.

11. Do we find the tribe of Benjamin listed among the 144,000? Revelation 7:4, 8 (last sentence).

Lesson For Sabbath, September 22, 2012

DAN

Scripture Reading: I Kings 12:16-33.

Golden Text: Leviticus 26:1.

1. Who was Dan's mother and full brother? Genesis 30:5-8.
2. What did Jacob say about Dan? Genesis 49:16-18.
3. After receiving their inheritance, what did the tribe of Dan do to increase its size? Joshua 19:40-48.
4. Why did it take a while for some of the tribes to receive their promised inheritance? Joshua 18:1-6.
5. When there was "no king in Israel" what did the children of Dan allow in a place called Shiloh? Judges 18:1-4, 27-31.
6. What do the first and second commandments say? Exodus 20:3-6.
7. How does our golden text for today read? Leviticus 26:1.
8. When the kingdom split, what did the tribe of Dan allow to be set up in their land? I Kings 12:26-29.

NOTE: Since the land of Dan was in the northern part of the promised land, Jeroboam was trying to keep the people from going to Jerusalem.

9. What are we told about what took place? I Kings 12:30; Leviticus 26:27-31.
10. Is Dan listed among the 144,000? Revelation 7:4-8.

NOTE: It seems Dan forfeited this inheritance because they allowed the worship of idols in the land.

Lesson For Sabbath, September 29, 2012

OTHER PEOPLE

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:1-17.

Golden Text: Genesis 17:5.

NOTE: While the focus of this quarterly has been on the tribes and issue of Israel, some of the main characters are responsible for other well known people and nations.

1. When Sarah died, did Abraham remarry? Genesis 25:1-5.
2. What instruction did Isaac give to Jacob concerning marriage? Genesis 28:1-4.
3. Did Esau please his father in this matter? Genesis 28:6-9; 36:1-6.
4. What promise was made to Abraham about Ishmael? Genesis 17:20; 16:8-12.
5. Who is in the generations of Ishmael? Genesis 25:12-18.
6. How did the people of Moab and Ammon come to exist? Genesis 19:30-38.

NOTE: The Middle East is full of related people who cannot get along. SHOCKING!

7. How is Ruth related to King David? Ruth 1:1,4; 4:9-10, 13-17.
8. Who was the mother of Booz (Boaz)? Matthew 1:5; Joshua 2:1; 6:21-25; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25.
9. I Chronicles lists the sons of David. Who were they? I Chronicles 3:1-9.
10. Was a prophet told to marry a not-so-nice woman? Hosea 1:1-9.