

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.

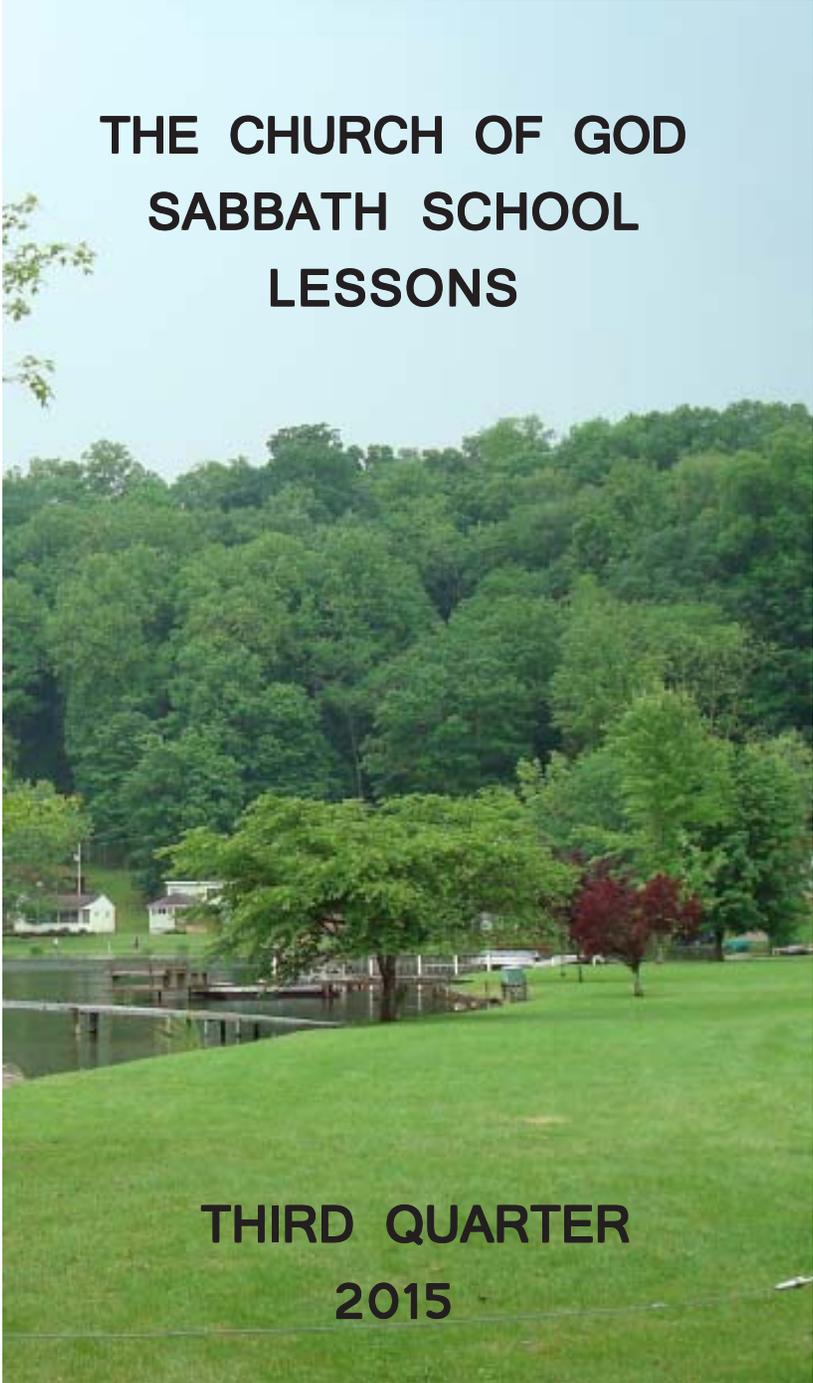
VI. Thou shalt not kill.

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

In the last two quarterlies, we learned about the split of the kingdom of Israel and how the various kings led their people. While Judah remained intact longer, it too was dispersed just as was prophesied. This quarter will remind us of the world kingdoms and some of their leaders. History confirms the authenticity of Bible prophecy so that we can know assuredly of the greatest promise, the return of Christ with the everlasting kingdom.

Lesson For Sabbath, July 4, 2015

IN CAPTIVITY

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 1:21.

Golden Text: Ezekiel 3:19.

NOTE: Ezekiel was carried away to Babylon between the first and final deportation of Judah.

1. What was the condition of the land in Israel while they were held captive? Jeremiah 12:7-13.
2. Did God promise to deliver them from Babylon? Jeremiah 12:14-15.
3. Upon what is this promise based? Jeremiah 12:16-17.
4. How much of Judah was taken captive? Jeremiah 13:15-19.
5. What else did the prophet write about the land? Jeremiah 14:1-6.
6. How does this compare to what is written in Deuteronomy 28:23-24.
7. Did the people cry out to the Lord? Jeremiah 14:7-9.
8. How did the Lord respond? Jeremiah 14:10-12.
9. What kind of prophets were in the land before the captivity? Jeremiah 14:13-16.
10. Will the Gentiles listen to the Lord? Jeremiah 16:19-21.

Lesson For Sabbath, July 11, 2015

BABYLON

Scripture Reading: Daniel 1.

Golden Text: Deuteronomy 28:25.

1. What happened in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign? Daniel 2:1.
2. Were the Chaldeans able to recall and interpret his dream? Daniel 2:2-3, 10-11.
3. Because they could not recall or interpret his dream, what did the king command? Daniel 2:10-13.
4. How did Daniel react? Daniel 2:14-18.
5. Was the dream revealed to Daniel? Daniel 2:19-22.

NOTE: Daniel thanks God and does not take credit. See Verses 23 and 30.

6. What did the king see in his dream? Daniel 2:31-35.

NOTE: The image represents the then world kingdom Babylon and the ones to follow.

7. How does the interpretation start? Daniel 2:37-38.
8. After Daniel interpreted the dream, what did the king do for Daniel and his friends? Daniel 2:46-49.
9. What do we learn about Nebuchadnezzar in chapter 3? Daniel 3:1-6.
10. Did Daniel's friends comply with this edict? Daniel 3:8-13.

Lesson For Sabbath, July 18, 2015

BABYLON, CONTINUED

Scripture Reading: Daniel 4:1-18.

Golden Text: Proverbs 16:18.

NOTE: In the last lesson Daniel's friends refused to worship the golden image.

1. What did they say to the king? Daniel 3:14-18.
2. How did the king react? Daniel 3:19-22.
3. After the three men were thrown into the furnace, how many did Nebuchadnezzar see? Daniel 3:23-25.
4. As a result of this miracle, did the king make another decree? Daniel 3:29-30.
5. Does Daniel interpret another dream for the king? Daniel 4:19.

NOTE: Daniel was hesitant to deliver the interpretation but the king urged him to do so.

6. What does Daniel tell him? Daniel 4:20-27.
7. Was the dream fulfilled? Daniel 4:28.
8. Why was it fulfilled? Daniel 4:29-31. See also the Golden Text, Proverbs 16:18.
9. When this prophesy is complete what does Nebuchadnezzar realize? Daniel 4:34-36.
10. In his final moment, what does the king tell us? Daniel 4:37.

Lesson For Sabbath, July 25, 2015

BABYLON, CONTINUED

Scripture Reading: Daniel 5:1-16.

Golden Text: Proverbs 29:23.

1. When Belshazzar gave the feast, what vessels were being used? Daniel 5:1-3.
2. Did they praise the God of heaven? Daniel 5:4.
3. During the feast, what miracle took place? Daniel 5:5.
4. Did this affect the King's countenance? Daniel 5:6.
5. Who were summoned? Daniel 5:7.
6. Was Daniel brought before the king? Daniel 5:13, 16.
7. Of what does Daniel remind the king? Daniel 5:17, 18-22.
8. What did Daniel tell Belshazzar? Daniel 5:23.

NOTE: The king knew the history, knew what he was supposed to do but did not do it.

9. What did the handwriting on the wall say, and who sent it? Daniel 5:24, 25-29.
10. What happened that night? Daniel 5:30.

Lesson For Sabbath, August 1, 2015

MEDES AND PERSIANS

Scripture Reading: Daniel 2:36-45.

Golden Text: Ecclesiastes 3:1.

1. Who took the kingdom from Belshazzar? Daniel 5:31.
2. Was this kingdom superior to Babylon? Daniel 2:39 (first part).

NOTE: The image that Nebuchadnezzar had dreamed about started with the head of gold, and the kingdoms that followed were inferior, thus the less valuable metals.

3. Was Daniel an important man in this new kingdom? Daniel 6:1-3.
4. How did others feel about Daniel? Daniel 6:4-9.
5. Did Daniel change his routine? Daniel 6:10.
6. After Daniel survived the lions' den, what does Darius write in a decree? Daniel 6:25-27.
7. Did Daniel prosper under Darius and Cyrus? Daniel 6:28.
8. Did Daniel also have a dream about the world kingdoms? Daniel 7:1-7.
9. What decree did Cyrus make concerning the rebuilding of the temple? Ezra 1:1-4.
10. Does Darius confirm this decree? Ezra 6:1-7, 12.

Lesson For Sabbath, August 8, 2015

THE RETURN

Scripture Reading: Ezra 1.

Golden Text: Psalm 37:5.

1. Did Judah or all Israel return from captivity? Ezra 2:70; 6:15-17.
2. What did the remnant start to do in the second year? Ezra 3:8.
3. What did their adversaries request at that time? Ezra 4:1-2.
4. How were they answered? Ezra 4:3.
5. Upon whose decree was the temple finally built? Ezra 6:1-12.
6. Was the restored temple dedicated? Ezra 6:15-18.
7. Did they celebrate the Passover? Ezra 6:19.
8. King Artaxerxes gave Ezra a letter. What did it say? Ezra 7:11-14.
9. What was Ezra permitted to take with him? Ezra 7:15-19.
10. Did Ezra offer a prayer of thanksgiving? Ezra 7:27-28.

NOTE: While the Assyrians defeated the northern ten tribes and carried them away, the Assyrians were defeated by the Babylonians who in turn were defeated by the Medes and Persians. Thus, people from all the tribes were in the return, not just Judah and Benjamin.

Lesson For Sabbath, August 15, 2015

HAGGAI

Scripture Reading: Haggai 2:1-19.

Golden Text: Ecclesiastes 9:10.

NOTE: Haggai was a prophet of the restored remnant after 70 years of captivity. The theme of Haggai is the unfinished temple, and his mission to admonish and encourage the builders.

1. What did the people say concerning the temple? Haggai 1:2.
2. Why would the people say such a thing? Ezra 4:23-24.
3. What did the Lord say when He saw that the labor on the temple had ceased? Haggai 1:3-7.
4. What else did He say would happen? Haggai 1:8-11.
5. Once they started to rebuild, what does the Lord say? Haggai 1:12-13.
6. How does the Apostle Paul record something similar? Romans 8:31.
7. When the temple was finished, what was the question asked of the older people? Haggai 2:2-3.
8. What were they told? Haggai 2:4-7.
9. What wonderful promise was made by the Lord? Haggai 2:18-19.
10. As a righteous child of God what does Peter say they can know for sure? I Peter 3:12.

NOTE: Doing what the Lord wants far out weighs what we want. He wants what is best for us and is hoping we realize that as well.

Lesson For Sabbath, August 22, 2015

ZECHARIAH

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 12.
Golden Text: Zechariah 4:6.

NOTE: Zechariah, like Haggai, was a prophet to the remnant which returned after the 70 years.

1. How is the prophet admonished by the Lord? Zechariah 1:2-5.
2. Does Jesus recognize the prophets, and Zechariah in particular? Luke 11:50-52.
3. There are ten visions given to Zechariah.
 - a. Man on a red horse. Zechariah 1:8, 9-11.
 - b. Four horns. Zechariah 1:18-19.
 - c. Four carpenters. Zechariah 1:20-21.
 - d. Man with the measuring line. Zechariah 2:1-2.
 - e. Joshua the High Priest. Zechariah 3:1-4.
 - f. The servant the Branch. Zechariah 3:8-10.
 - g. Candlestick and two olive trees. Zechariah 4:2-4,11-14.
 - h. The flying roll. Zechariah 5:1-4.
 - i. The ephah. Zechariah 5:5-11.
 - j. The four chariots. Zechariah 6:1-5.
4. What will the city of Jerusalem be called in the future? Zechariah 8:1-3.
5. What will the children of Israel say and do? Zechariah 8:21-23.
6. When the “Day of the Lord” comes, what do we read will happen? Zechariah 14:1-4.
7. What do we read about night, day and living waters? Zechariah 14:6-8.
8. Where shall the Lord be King? Zechariah 14:9.

Lesson For Sabbath, August 29, 2015

MALACHI

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:16-18; Chapter 4.
Golden Text: Malachi 2:10.

NOTE: Malachi, “My Messenger”, is the last of the minor prophets.

1. Are the priests offering what they are supposed to be offering? Malachi 1:6-8 (the first part).
2. What did the Lord tell Moses about the sacrifices? Leviticus 1:1-3.
NOTE: The sacrifices were to be the best. The priests, under Malachi, were not seeing to it that they were acceptable sacrifices. (See Malachi 1:12-13).
3. What question does Malachi ask the priests? Malachi 1:8 (second part).
NOTE: If the governor would not be pleased, what makes them think God would be pleased?
4. As a result, is God pleased with them? Malachi 1:9-10, 14.
5. Will His name be great among the Gentiles and heathen? Malachi 1:11.
6. What will happen if they will not hear? Malachi 2:1-2.
7. How did they weary the Lord? Malachi 2:17.
8. Does Malachi write of John the Baptist? Malachi 3:1; Matthew 11:9-10.
9. When the “messenger of the covenant” appears, what will He do? Malachi 3:2-3.
10. What will happen to the offering of Judah and Jerusalem? Malachi 3:4-6.

Lesson For Sabbath, September 5, 2015

GREEKS

Scripture Reading: Daniel 7:1-14.

Golden Text: Daniel 4:35.

NOTE: The Greeks defeated the Medes and Persians, and while there are no direct stories in the Old Testament, Paul visited many churches in Greece and their influence was very great.

1. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, how is the third world kingdom described? Daniel 2:32 (last part), 39 (last part).
2. How does Daniel see this empire in his dream? Daniel 7:6.

NOTE: The leopard denotes the swiftness of Alexander the Great, and the four wings are the four generals that divide the kingdom after his death.

3. When Jesus was crucified, a sign was placed over him in three languages, what were they? Luke 23:38; John 19:19-20.
4. Where was Mar's hill? Acts 17:22-23.
5. What had Christ become to the Greeks? I Corinthians 1:22-23.
6. How did Paul upset the silversmiths? Acts 19:23-27.
7. When Paul taught in the synagogue, did many Greeks become believers? Acts 17:1-4.
8. What did he find at Berea? Acts 17:10-12.
9. What was Paul's message to both Jews and Greeks? Acts 20:17-21.
10. Is nationality important? Galatians 3:26-29.

Lesson for Sabbath, September 12, 2015

ROMANS

Scripture Reading: Romans 1.

Golden Text: Romans 13:1.

1. When Christ was born, what empire was ruling? Luke 2:1.

NOTE: Herod was appointed by Rome. His family had converted to Judaism, but his religious commitment was in question.

2. Whose image was on the money during that time? Matthew 22:15-21.
3. What do we read about the Roman hierarchy when John the Baptist comes on the scene? Luke 3:1-4.
4. Why were the chief priests and Pharisees afraid of Jesus? John 11:45-48.
5. How did Paul trouble a certain city? Acts 16:16-21.
6. Paul writes that God will judge the secrets of men. How will this be done? Romans 2:16.

NOTE: The Romans are the ruling class. They have crucified Christ for the Jews. They will destroy the temple and conquer Masada, but Paul is trying to reason with them.

7. What advantage hath the Jew? Romans 3:1-2.
8. Was Paul a Roman? Acts 22:25-28.
9. What does Paul hope to do for Israel and also the Romans who would listen? Romans 9:1-3; 10:1-2.
10. How does he explain the opportunity that has been given? Romans 11:13-25.

Lesson For Sabbath, September 19, 2015

JESUS AS PROPHET, PRIEST AND KING

Scripture Reading: Revelation 15.

Golden Text: Revelation 15:3.

1. How does Moses refer to Christ? Deuteronomy 18:15; 18-19.
2. What does Zechariah say about Jesus being a king? Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:4-11.
3. What do the Emmaus disciples tell Christ about Himself? Luke 24:13-19.
4. When Christ stood before Pilate, what question was He asked? John 18:37.
5. What sign was put over His head when He was crucified? John 19:16-19.
6. What does the writer of Hebrews say about Jesus? Hebrews 3:1.
7. First, Christ is King of Saints, but when He overcomes His enemies, what is He called? Revelation 17:8-14.
8. When He returns in glory, what other descriptions are listed? Revelation 19:11-16.
9. How long will His kingdom last? II Peter 1:10-11.
10. Who else will reign with Him? Revelation 20:1-4.

Lesson For Sabbath, September 26, 2015

CHRIST AND THE KINGDOM

Scripture Reading: Daniel 7:1-14.

Golden Text: John 18:36.

1. How else is the everlasting kingdom described in Daniel? Daniel 2:40-45.
2. What did Jacob say about Judah when he was blessing his sons? Genesis 49:9-10; Hebrews 1:8.
3. What promise was made to David? II Samuel 7:8-16.
4. How does the beginning of Matthew's gospel start? Matthew 1:1.
NOTE: Jesus was from the tribe of Judah through the line of David.
5. What did Christ promise to his apostles? Luke 22:28-30.
6. When Jesus heard the faith of the centurion, how did He respond? Matthew 8:10-12.
7. Does Paul say as much in Acts? Acts 28:25-28.
8. After that, what did Paul do for two years? Acts 28:30-31.
9. Who will NOT inherit the kingdom? I Corinthians 6:9-10; 15:50; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:5.
10. Who will inherit the kingdom? Matthew 5:17-19; Luke 12:32; Colossians 1:9-13; Hebrews 12:25-29.