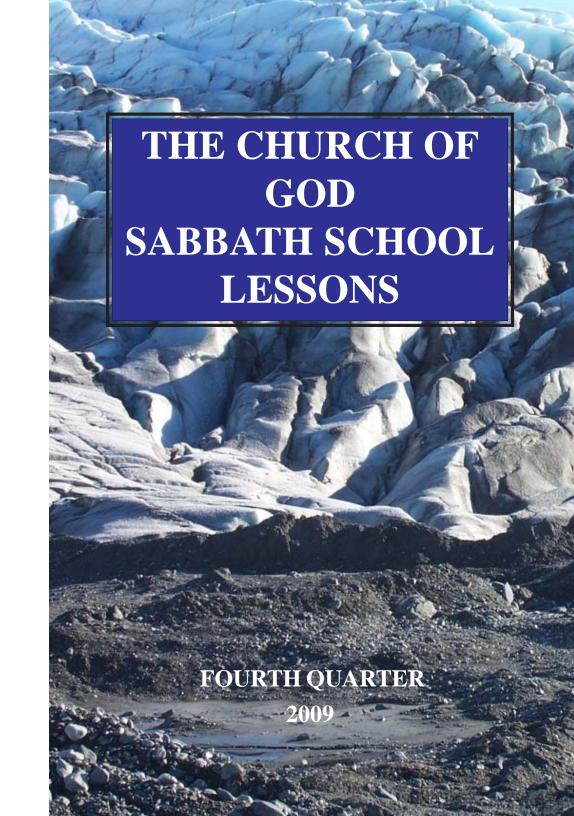
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 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

God has always used prophets to warn His people. He sent prophets before the dispersion, He used prophets during their captivity, and He sent prophets after they returned to the Promised Land. Unfortunately, there were many who did not listen. However, this did not deter the Lord. He continued to pave the way for Jesus with John the Baptist and finally Jesus, Himself. The prophets continue to speak, in the Bible. Hopefully, there will be some that hear.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 3, 2009 ISAIAH, PART I

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 1. Golden Text: Isaiah 1:3.

NOTE: Isaiah was a prophet before the exile.

- 1. What was the Lord's complaint about Israel? Isaiah 1:2-4.
- 2. What is said about a remnant? Isaiah 1:9-10.

NOTE: Sodom and Gomorrah were completely destroyed. At least a remnant of Israel was spared.

- 3. Did the Lord delight in sacrifices? Isaiah 1:11-15.
- 4. How was this thought conveyed to Saul? I Samuel 15:22-23.
- 5. After David sinned, what did he write concerning sacrifices? Psalm 51:16-17.
- 6. How was Israel instructed to do well? Isaiah 1:17.
- 7. What does James say about pure religion? James 1:27; Matthew 25:34-36.
- 8. What else was Israel told to do? Isaiah 1:16, 18-19.
- 9. What would happen if they were not willing and obedient? Isaiah 1:20.
- 10. How does the second commandment convey the same idea? Exodus 20:4-6.

NOTE: We hate the Lord when we are disobedient. But we show we receive mercy when we live properly.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 10, 2009

ISAIAH, PART II

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2. Golden Text: Isaiah 2:4.

1. How does Isaiah describe a seraphim? Isaiah 6:1-2.

2. What did this angel do? Isaiah 6:6-8.

3. What was Isaiah's new commission? Isaiah 6:9-10; Matthew 13:10-15; Acts 28:25-27.

4. What else was part of the virgin birth prophecy? Isaiah 7:10-16.

NOTE: The future invasions and desolation are predicted.

- 5. How does the Lord use Assyria? Isaiah 10:5-11.
- 6. Will Israel be totally destroyed? Isaiah 10:20-22.
- 7. What will happen to Babylon? Isaiah 13:17-19.
- 8. How was this expressed in Daniel? Daniel 2:36-39 (first part); Daniel 5:22-31.
- 9. Who reigned with Darius? Daniel 6:28; 1:21.
- 10. What did Cyrus make a proclamation to do? Ezra 1:1-4.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 17, 2009

ISAIAH, PART III

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 26. Golden Text: Isaiah 11:2.

- 1. After he wrote his proclamation to re-build the temple, what else did Cyrus order? Ezra 5:13-15.
- 2. Did Darius confirm the decree of Cyrus? Ezra 6:1-5.

NOTE: Remember the kingdom of Babylon was to be divided and given to the Medes and the Persians (Daniel 5:28). Darius was the Mede and Cyrus was the Persian.

- 3. While Cyrus allowed Israel to go back and re-build the physical temple, who is returning to set up the everlasting kingdom? Isaiah 11:1-2; 9:6-7.
- 4. What will happen to Israel? Isaiah 27:12-13; 35:1-7.
- 5. How long will the Word of God stand? Isaiah 40:6-8.
- 6. When the Lord comes with a strong hand, what do we learn? Isaiah 40:9-11.
- 7. Is the Holy One like or equal to anyone else? Isaiah 40:25-31.
- 8. Will the Lord give His glory to another? Isaiah 42:8-12.
- 9. After Jesus sets up the kingdom, how will He rule? Isaiah 11:3-5.
- 10. What will the conditions be like in the kingdom? Isaiah 11:6-8.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 24, 2009

JEREMIAH

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 1. Golden Text: Jeremiah 7:23.

NOTE: Jeremiah prophesied before and during the exile of Judah.

- 1. What two evils did God's people commit? Jeremiah 2:12-13; 17:13.
- 2. Has Israel played the harlot? Jeremiah 3:1, 14, 22.
- 3. Does the Lord ask them to return? Jeremiah 4:1-4; 7:1-3.
- 4. How does Jeremiah describe the Lord to Israel? Jeremiah 10:10-13.
- 5. What did Jeremiah tell them about the Sabbath? Jeremiah 17:21-22.
- 6. Did they obey? Jeremiah 17:23.
- 7. What is the message to bad pastors? Jeremiah 23:1-2.
- 8. Will the remnant be regathered? Jeremiah 23:3-6; 32:37-38, 41.
- 9. What are we told about the new covenant for Israel and Judah? Jeremiah 31:31-34; 32:39-40.
- 10. How has the Lord used Babylon? Jeremiah 51:7; Revelation 17:4-5; 14:8.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 31, 2009

JEREMIAH, PART II

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 12. Golden Text: Jeremiah 32:37.

1. Why did Moses and Samuel stand before the Lord? Jeremiah 15:1; Exodus 32:11-12; I Samuel 7:9; Psalm 99:6.

NOTE: These men could speak to the Lord and intervene for the people, but after a while, they turned away from Him.

- 2. Finally, what did the Lord say He would do to Israel? Jeremiah 15:2-4.
- 3. Did Moses tell Israel the same thing about 850 years before? Deuteronomy 28:25.
- 4. What did Hezekiah pray? II Kings 19:14-19.
- 5. What did the Lord do to the Assyrians? II Kings 19:35-37.
- 6. When Hezekiah was sick unto death, he prayed to the Lord. What sign was given to him that the Lord would heal him? II Kings 20:8-11.
- 7. By contrast, what did Hezekiah's son Manasseh do to practice evil in the sight of the Lord? II Kings 21:1-9.
- 8. What did the Lord say about this evil doing? II Kings 21:10-15.
- 9. What are we told about the good and evil figs? Jeremiah 24:1-10.
- 10. Did Jeremiah dictate a roll to Baruch? Jeremiah 36:1-4.
- 11. When the men heard the words what did they propose to do? Jeremiah 36:15-16.
- 12. What did the King do when it was read to him? Jeremiah 36:21-25.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 7, 2009 EZEKIEL

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 14. Golden Text: Ezekiel 14:14.

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

- 1. What does Ezekiel tell us about the four living creatures? Ezekiel 1:4-9.
- 2. How are their faces described? Ezekiel 1:10.
- 3. What are we told about the wheels? Ezekiel 1:15-16; 10:8-11.

NOTE: The way the wheels are described sounds like a gyroscope. Think of a Segway.

- 4. How was the house of Israel described to the prophet? Ezekiel 3:1,7.
- 5. What was the message to the mountains of Israel? Ezekiel 6:1-7.
- 6. Will everyone be destroyed? Ezekiel 6:8-10; 12:14-16.
- 7. What abominations were Ezekiel shown? Ezekiel 8:9-16.
- 8. What will happen when the people cry out to the Lord? Ezekiel 8:17-18.
- 9. What are we told about the prophets of Israel? Ezekiel 13:1-4.
- 10. How will the Lord handle these lying prophets? Ezekiel 13:8-10.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 14, 2009 EZEKIEL, PART II

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 33. Golden Text: Ezekiel 33:18-19.

- 1. How is the birth of Jerusalem described? Ezekiel 16:1-6.
- 2. What did the Lord do for Jerusalem? Ezekiel 16:7-13.
- 3. Did Jerusalem remain faithful? Ezekiel 16:14-17.
- 4. What did they cause their children to do? Ezekiel 16:20-21.
- 5. Do all the souls belong to the Lord God? Ezekiel 18:4, 20.
- 6. What will happen if the wicked turns from all his sins? Ezekiel 18:21-23.
- 7. What will happen if the righteous turns away from his righteousness? Ezekiel 18:24.
- 8. How is Satan destroyed? Ezekiel 28:14-19.
- 9. When the Lord returns, where will He place His feet? Zechariah 14:4.
- 10. Which gate will He use to enter the temple? Ezekiel 44:1-3.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 21, 2009 DANIEL

Scripture Reading: Daniel 1. Golden Text: Daniel 2:20.

1. What name was given to Daniel while he was a captive in Babylon? Daniel 1:7.

2. What gifts were Daniel and his friends given? Daniel 1:17-20.

3. Does Daniel thank God for these gifts? Daniel 2:20-23.

4. After Daniel interprets the King's dream, what does Nebuchadnezzar say? Daniel 2:46-47.

NOTE: He refers to God as Daniel's God, not his God.

- 5. When Daniel's three friends refuse to worship an image, what are they condemned to do? Daniel 3:8-11.
- 6. What happens to those individuals who bound Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego? Daniel 3:19-22.
- 7. Later on, what counsel does Daniel give to the King? Daniel 4:4-5, 20-22, 25, 27.
- 8. Does the King humble himself? Daniel 4:28-31, 33.
- 9. Does Darius refer to God as Daniel's God also? Daniel 6:25-27.
- 10. What does Daniel tell us about resurrection? Daniel 12:1-3.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 28, 2009

HOSEA AND JOEL

Scripture Reading: Hosea 1. Golden Text: Hosea 6:6.

1. Why is the Lord unhappy with Israel? Hosea 2:4-5.

NOTE: She played the harlot by going after and worshipping other gods.

- 2. What are we told about the controversy in the land? Hosea 4:1.
- 3. Why are God's people destroyed? Hosea 4:6-8.
- 4. What happened when Israel was a child? Hosea 11:1.
- 5. Who else went to Egypt? Genesis 12:10; 13:1; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-21.
- 6. What promise do we learn about in Joel? Joel 2:28.
- 7. In Isaiah 2:4 we learn of a future peace, however, what does Joel say about a future event? Joel 3:9-11.
- 8. What will happen to Egypt and Edom? Joel 3:19.
- 9. What will happen to Judah and Jerusalem? Joel 3:20-21.
- 10. Why will all this take place? Joel 3:17-18.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 5, 2009 AMOS, OBADIAH, JONAH, MICAH

Scripture Reading: Micah 4. Golden Text: Micah 6:8.

1. What does Amos tell us about Damascus? Amos 1:3-5.

2. What about Gaza? Amos 1:6-7.

- 3. We have read about many famines in the Bible, but what kind of famine does Amos write about? Amos 8:11-12.
- 4. What was Edom's great sin? Obadiah 10-14.
- 5. Where was Jonah told to go, and what was he to do? Jonah 1:1-2.
- 6. How did mariners find out Jonah was the cause of their trouble? Jonah 1:5-7.
- 7. How long was Jonah in the belly of the great fish? Jonah 1:17.
- 8. Why is this time period significant? Matthew 12:38-40.
- 9. What are we told about Bethlehem? Micah 5:1-2; Matthew 2:1-6.

NOTE: Bethlehem means "House of Bread".

10. How does Jesus refer to Himself? John 6:29-35.

Lesson for Sabbath, December 12, 2009 NAHUM, HABAKKUK, ZEPHANIAH, HAGGAI

Scripture Reading: Nahum 3. Golden Text: Nahum 1:3.

- 1. What class of people will receive the wrath of God? Nahum 1:2.
- 2. How is Nineveh described? Nahum 2:8-10.
- 3. How does Habakkuk describe the Chaldean invasion? Habakkuk 1:5-9.
- 4. The Lord talks about the just to the prophet. How shall they live? Habakkuk 2:2-4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11.
- 5. How does Habakkuk end his prayer? Habakkuk 3:1-2, 17-19.
- 6. What was to happen to the goods and houses of Judah? Zephaniah 1:12-13.
- 7. How is the moral state of Jerusalem stated? Zephaniah 3:1-4.
- 8. What are people told to do when they are regathered? Zephaniah 3:14-16.
- 9. Who was the king during the time of Haggai? Haggai 1:1-2.
- 10. What did the Lord want at this time? Haggai 1:3-8.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 19, 2009

ZECHARIAH

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 1. Golden Text: Zechariah 12:2.

- 1. What was the man with the measuring line going to do? Zechariah 2:1-2. Compare with Revelation 21:15.
- 2. What does the Lord say about Zion? Zechariah 2:7-8.
- 3. How does the Lord rebuke Satan? Zechariah 3:2; Jude 1:9.
- 4. What will the stone that is laid before Joshua have on it? Zechariah 3:9.
- 5. What are these seven eyes? Zechariah 4:10.
- 6. When given instruction what did the people do? Zechariah 7:8-13.
- 7. Does the prophet tell us about a dispersion and a regathering? Zechariah 10:9-10.
- 8. What will Jerusalem become in the future? Zechariah 12:1-2.
- 9. When Jesus returns, what will happen? Zechariah 12:10.
- 10. What is another prophecy written about by Zechariah? Zechariah 14:1-4; Acts 1:10-11.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 26, 2009

MALACHI

Scripture Reading: Malachi 1. Golden Text: Malachi 2:2.

- 1. Where else do we learn about blessings and cursings? Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 15.
- 2. How is this thought expressed in the second commandment? Exodus 20:4-6.

NOTE: In one way we are told of blessings or cursings, in the other, God can visit iniquity or show mercy.

- 3. What abomination was committed in Israel? Malachi 2:11.
- 4. How did Israel weary the Lord? Malachi 2:17; Isaiah 5:20.
- 5. Does Malachi speak of John the Baptist and the Lord? Malachi 3:1; Matthew 11:10; 1:1, 23.
- 6. Will the Lord keep His promise? Malachi 3:6; Numbers 23:19; James 1:17.
- 7. Does the Lord ask Israel to return to Him? Malachi 3:7; Zechariah 1:3.
- 8. Was Israel guilty of robbing God? Malachi 3:8-10; Nehemiah 13:10-12.

NOTE: The people were to support the Levites physically and the Levites were to serve them spiritually. Because the people were not doing their part, the Levites had to support themselves.

- 9. What were some promises the Lord made if they brought their tithes into the storehouse? Malachi 3:11-12.
- 10. What will happen to the people that "fear the Lord"? Malachi 3:16-18.