

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.

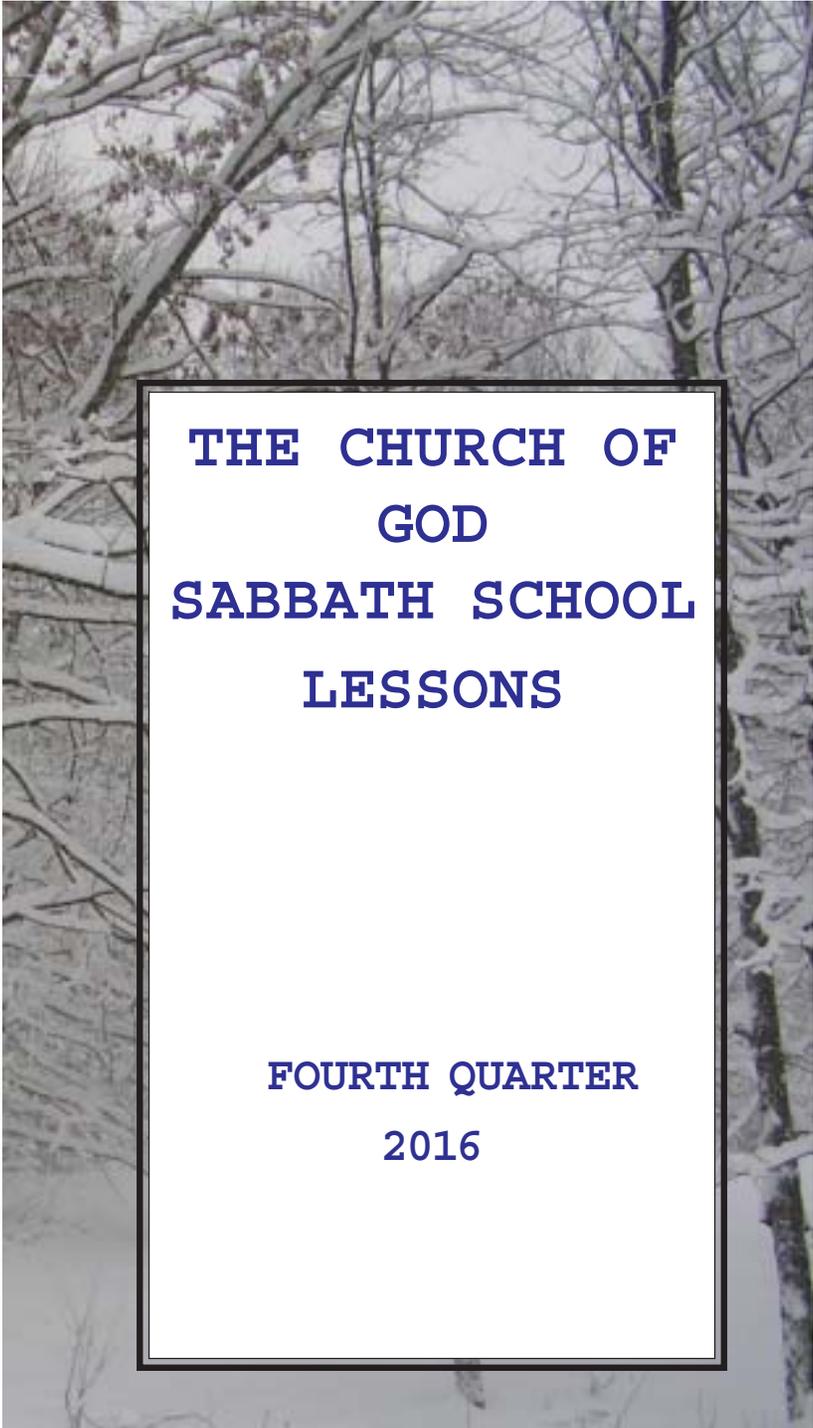
VI. Thou shalt not kill.

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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This quarter we challenge you to put on your "thinking cap." The Book of

Ezekiel is written for you. (24:24) Ezekiel 12:6,11. Ezekiel speaks to his people and to us today. Ezekiel 1:1-3.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 1, 2016

THE MESSENGERS OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 1:4-12; 10:8-22.

Golden Text: Hebrews 1:14.

1. What do we read about the creation of angels? Colossians 1:16. They are "created" a little higher than man. Psalm 8:5. Jesus is created better than the angels. Hebrews 1:4-5.

2. How many kinds of angels has God let be recorded in Scripture?

Seraphim - In attendance of the Lord. Isaiah 6:6; 6:2.

Cherubim - To show the Lord's glory. Hebrews 9:5; Psalm 99:1; Exodus 25:22; Ezekiel 10:19.

Gabriel - Luke 1:19; Daniel 8:16; 9:21-22.

Michael - A great Prince. Daniel 12:1; Jude 9; Revelation 12:7; Daniel 10:13, 21.

3. The functions of the angels are many and varied. What is the most prominent function of angels? Psalm 91:11; Daniel 6:22; Acts 5:19-20; Acts 12:23.

4. Do the angels worship God and Jesus? Psalm 148:1-2; I Peter 3:22.

5. Do the angels have interest in the salvation of souls? Luke 15:10.

6. Why should we not be forgetful to entertain strangers? Hebrews 13:2; Genesis 18:3-6.

7. At the time of the resurrection and rapture, what will the righteous be like? Luke 20:35-36.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 8, 2016

THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL CALL AND COMMISSION OF EZEKIEL

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 24.

Golden Text: Ezekiel 24:24.

1. What does Ezekiel see? Ezekiel 1:4, 26-28. Where do we find a parallel situation? Revelation 1:13-17; Ezekiel 8:2; Daniel 10:5-7.

2. Did Ezekiel have a home and a wife? Ezekiel 24:18; 8:1. The name "Ezekiel" means God strengthens. He was taken to Babylon with the second group of captives in the year 593. He was born in the year 622 B.C. under Josiah's reign. Jeremiah 1:2-3; II Chronicles 34:1-3.

3. What happened to the City of Nineveh? Jonah 4:11; Nahum 2:13; 3:1-2, 7-8. This took place in the year 612. Israel was relieved and knew now that her independence was safe. Reliance on God faded. Wickedness and Godlessness set in. Josiah was killed in 609.

4. Whom did Ezekiel hear speaking to the people? Jeremiah 26:4-8.

5. Who came to Jeremiah's aid? Jeremiah 26:17-19, 24. Ezekiel was now in his early 20's. He could not understand the bloodshed of Urijah (Jeremiah 26:23). The years 609 - 586 were the most hectic--unparalleled in Old Testament times. Three groups of people were taken to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. Ezekiel was among the second group to go. Daniel went with the first. It was the beginning of the fulfillment of the prophecies of Jeremiah, which he had so frequently heard. Jeremiah 28:15-17; 27:20.

6. What incident stood out in Ezekiel's mind? Jeremiah 29:21; Ezekiel 13:3, 16. This book is the best dated of all the prophetic books. They are in order with the exceptions of Ezekiel 29:17; 32:1-17. These are for other nations. The last date line shows (40:1) Israel going back and Jerusalem being rebuilt.

7. What is Ezekiel commissioned to do? Ezekiel 3:16-21.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 15, 2016

EZEKIEL IS COMMISSIONED

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 3.

Golden Text: Ezekiel 3:17.

NOTE: Ezekiel was a priest by line of descent and prophet by choice. He was pure of heart and totally faithful. His writings are not a composite like Isaiah's, nor is it a conglomerate like Jeremiah's. It is written like prose with 170 verses of genuine prophetic utterances.

1. What does God say to Ezekiel? Ezekiel 2:3-5.
2. What was Ezekiel's apprehensive attitude? Ezekiel 2:5-8. After Ezekiel had seen how the Prophet Jeremiah was treated, why would he not be apprehensive?
3. By what title did God address Ezekiel? Ezekiel 2:1; 3:4. The expression "Son of man" is used by Jesus 79 times. Matthew 8:20; 11:19. It is used by the Father in Heaven 91 times in addressing Ezekiel. It is "Jesus'" racial name as the representative of man. As you read Ezekiel 1:26, compare it with John 14:8-9; Revelation 1:13. As used for Ezekiel, it shows what he is to God the Father.
 - A. He was chosen. Ezekiel 3:22-24; 1:3 (last clause)
 - B. He was endued with the Spirit (power of God) Ezekiel 3:8-12,24.
 - C. He was sent by God Himself. Ezekiel 2:3-4; 3:5-6.
4. Besides being a prophet of God, what other position did Ezekiel receive? Ezekiel 1:3; 3:17; 33:7.
5. To whom does Ezekiel address himself? Ezekiel 3:1; 4:3-6; 45:6-8. Ezekiel is the voice of God, not to Judah or to the Ten Tribes, but to the "Whole House of Israel."
6. To what group of the "Whole House of Israel" does Ezekiel especially speak? Ezekiel 14:21-23. He spoke to the generation of Israel that was born in captivity. This was so that the exiles could restore their faith and belief.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 22, 2016

EZEKIEL TO BE THE SPOKESMAN FOR GOD

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 4:1-10; 5:1-5.

Golden Text: Ezekiel 3:14.

NOTE: The call of Ezekiel is most impressive (3:22). Compared to the majestic vision of Isaiah (6:3-9) and the very simple communication with Jeremiah (1:5-6,9).

1. How close was the presence of the Son of God to Ezekiel? Ezekiel 1:3; 3:14,22; 8:1; 33:22; 37:1 and 40:1. These seven visitations by the heavenly power were highly acknowledged by Ezekiel. Without interpreting all these things, he realizes that the manifestation of God (Theophanes) can appear anywhere.
2. How were the children of God made aware of the presence of God and His power? Exodus 14:19-20, 24; Numbers 10:11-12, 34.
3. When Solomon dedicated the temple, the visible presence of God in a cloud was identified as the glory of the Lord. II Chronicles 5:14; 7:3. Since Ezekiel was a priest, it may have surprised him to find this manifestation in a heathen environment so far from the temple. He learns that God is everywhere.
4. What does God say Ezekiel is? Ezekiel 3:17. This designation is also used in Daniel 7:13. It emphasizes the fact that in the presence of God the prophet can live and move and have his being. Acts 17:27-30.
5. Ezekiel falls prostrate before this divine manifestation. He is bidden to rise, and the power of God fills him, and the message he receives is a symbolic picture. Ezekiel 3:17. Do we have a parallel of this scene? Revelation 10:7-11. Compare also Jeremiah 1:9. The scroll which Ezekiel received was written on both sides (2:10). There was no room for Ezekiel's thoughts. He must take the book and make it part of himself, eating it. See the Word of God in Psalm 119:103. For seven more years He tries to warn Israel, but they will not listen. Ezekiel 3:16 with 4:6.
6. Ezekiel listens to all that the Lord tells him.
 - A. He listens where he must go. 3:1-4.
 - B. He learns of the purpose for which he is sent. Ezekiel 2:7-8.
 - C. He eats the book to give him intelligence in heart and intellect. Ezekiel 3:10.

Lesson For Sabbath, October 29, 2016

PRIOR TO THE FALL OF JERUSALEM

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 6.

Golden Text: Ezekiel 6:2.

1. How many times did Nebuchadnezzar come against Israel (Judah Kingdom)? Beginning in 606 B.C. came the Babylonians for the first deportation. II Kings 24:11, 14-16. Eleven years later the second siege and deportation came about 593. At this time, Ezekiel was taken to Babylon. II Kings 25:1-2, 11-12. In 586, the Babylonian army came and leveled Jerusalem completely. II Kings 25:20-21; II Chronicles 36:20-21.
2. Ezekiel prophesied in the years 606 to 593 for the calamities that would come with symbols and impressive action. Ezekiel 4:3-4 was a picture of Israel and vv. 6-7 of Judah. By lying on one side for many days, he symbolized the exile of Israel and Judah. By means of his hair and beard cut off and separated into three parts, he showed a small remnant would survive. Ezekiel 5:1-5; Zechariah 13:8-9.
3. How was Ezekiel able to symbolize such sieges. Ezekiel 3:10; 2:7-10. Ezekiel had to digest the message of God. It would become a part of his whole body and spirit. How was it possible to have this message to thoroughly saturate his body? Ezekiel 3:1-3.
4. Did other men of God experience this same type of saturation? Revelation 10:8-11; Jeremiah 15:16-18. No interpretation is given for eating the books. But no meaning is conveyed that the eater should be completely filled with the Words of God and His plans for His people.
5. What were the Words of God that Ezekiel was to let the House of Israel know? Ezekiel 5:9,13,17; 6:8-9,14.
6. To what does the Lord compare the House of Israel? Ezekiel 36:3; 19:10-13; 15:6-8. We are using the expression "The House of Israel" not to confuse the issue but to let you know that this is what God called the Judah Kingdom. In Judah, existed all the 12 tribes. Ezekiel 3:17; 17:2; 18:29-31.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 5, 2016

ABOMINATIONS OF ISRAEL SEEN AT JERUSALEM

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 8.

Golden Text: Ezekiel 8:9.

NOTE: Israel is now taken to Babylon. The people complain that their afflictions are greater than they can bear. Ezekiel has a difficult time making the House of Israel see they are being punished. Ezekiel 7:22-27. God wants them to know that He is punishing them. "They shall know that I am the Lord."

1. What happened in the home of Ezekiel? 8:1-4. No task was too hard for Ezekiel to perform, for he loved his countrymen. Example: 9:8 and 11:13. He went in vision back to Jerusalem. Ezekiel 8:5.
2. Why was it necessary for the Lord to chastise Israel? Ezekiel 18:25-27; 29-30; 33:17-20. Israel kept saying God was not fair.
3. Why does the Lord begin to use parables and symbolic action from here on in his Book? Matthew 13:10-12, 16-18. From this time on, the Book becomes an apocalyptic type of literature. By dramatic imagery and symbols God's teaching is made effective.
4. What does the prophet see in vision back in Jerusalem? Ezekiel 8:6; Proverbs 6:16-19.
5. What happens to a person who is wicked and practices evil? Proverbs 6:12-15; Hosea 11:2; 3:1. Baal was the fertility and rain god of the Canaanites.
6. Among the different subjects of sin in the House of Israel, what was the one most horrid to God? Ezekiel 8:12; 9:9; 38:20. These verses point out the self-deception of Israel. Psalm 66:7; 33:13, 18; I Peter 3:12; Ezekiel 11:5.
7. How many times was Ezekiel shown abominations over and over conducted by Israel? Ezekiel 8:5-6, Idolatry; 8:9-10, Unclean; 8:13-14, Worshipping Tammuz; 8:16-17, the Sun.
8. How did the Lord deal with those who worked these four abominations? Ezekiel 9:4-6.
9. What else did the Lord do to punish Israel for their abominations? Ezekiel 10:2; 11:7.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 12, 2016

THE APOCALYPSE OF EZEKIEL

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 14.

Golden Text: Ezekiel 14:23.

NOTE: To get and hold the attention of Israel in Babylon, God has Ezekiel do the same things that John did while writing down the Revelation. Riddles, proverbs, visions, and parables were some of the symbolic actions used.

1. What was one of the duties given to Ezekiel during this apocalyptic time? Ezekiel 3:17; 33:2-7. The reason for an apocalyptic message is that Israel and Jerusalem did not exist, and God could not fulfill His great purposes through them. Thus, the plans of God were announced by Ezekiel in secretive terminology.

2. Here are some of the most important expressions:

A. Irresponsible Israel likened to whitewash on a collapsed wall. 13:10-13.

B. The story of a waif in the woods (a neglected infant). 16:4,9,14-15.

C. A fire among trees and vines. 15:6-8.

D. The parable of the eagles. 17:3,7,12,17,24.

E. A discourse on individual responsibility. The Father is Israel and His son is Judah. No longer is the son accountable for the sins of the Father. 18:14-15, 19-20.

F. The parable of the pot being Jerusalem. 24:3, 7-9; Leviticus 17:13.

G. The parable of the two sisters. 2:4, 6-7.

With the boiling pot parable comes the apocalypse portion of the book to an end, with Ezekiel again made a portent to Israel. Ezekiel 24:3-6,27; 12:11.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 19, 2016

HUMILIATIONS AND PREDICTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL'S ENEMIES

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 25.

Golden Text: Ezekiel 24:24.

NOTE: Ezekiel has come to an end of showing Israel by parables, etc., why and wherefore they are captives in Babylon. Ezekiel 22:7-8, 15. For the next 15 years, Ezekiel is talking about the enemies of Israel who were partly responsible for Israel's captivity. Ezekiel is to be dumb for these years and speak only when told by God. Ezekiel 24:27.

1. How many heathen nations are mentioned coming under the judgments of God? This section of Ezekiel runs from Chapters 25 to 32. Turn through this portion and seek out the nations. Then read Isaiah 11:14.

2. Which country seems to have received special attention by God? Chapter 29-32. God always seems to have a special feeling for this country. Ezekiel 29:13-16; Isaiah 19:23-25. Egypt is the only Arab country today that has made peace with Israel.

3. What enemy nations are related by blood to Israel who were prophesied against? Genesis 19:37-38; 36:1; Ezekiel 25:16; Amos 9:7; Zephaniah 2:5; Jeremiah 47:4 (Caphthor is Crete). God took vengeance on these eight nations because they should have known of Him by the associations with Abraham and later with Israel after their return from Egypt.

4. Which of the kings of Judah are spoken of as "Young Lions?" Ezekiel 19:3-5; II Kings 23:34; II Chronicles 36:2-5.

5. To what animal did Jacob, in blessing his sons, compare the tribe of Judah? Genesis 49:9.

6. Is the Lord Jesus ever spoken of under this symbol? Revelation 5:5; 22:16.

7. Which one of these eight nations hated Israel the most? Obadiah 8-10,12; Ezekiel 35:5,15.

8. What is the shepherd and watchman's duty? Ezekiel 34:1-3, 9-10.

9. Who is going to be the shepherd of Israel when they return from captivity? Ezekiel 34:23-24; Jeremiah 23:4-5; Zechariah 12:8-12.

Lesson For Sabbath, November 26, 2016

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37.

Golden Text: Ezekiel 37:3.

NOTE: This vision is one of the most remarkable in the whole book of Ezekiel. The Lord promised in the 36th chapter that he would bring back the whole house of Israel and with this chapter sets it forth more concretely. 36:24-38.

1. To what valley was Ezekiel taken? 37:1-2.
2. Whose bones are these around which Ezekiel is walking? Ezekiel 37:11. This prophecy is for the ones in exile. It also extends to our time as we have read in many other passages. In fact many prophecies have a dual interpretation.
3. Did all 12 tribes of Israel return from the Babylonian captivity? Nehemiah 7:73; 12:47; Ezra 2:70; 10:5. These are some of the verses that say “all Israel” returned. They returned from Babylonian exile and are returning in our time. How then can thousands of people say only Judah is returning? James 1:1; Acts 26:7; Revelation 7:4. The people of America and Europe are not the ten tribes of Israel.
4. When the dry bones came together and they were sinewed and covered with skin, what did they yet lack? Ezekiel 37:8.
5. To whom was Ezekiel to speak next? Verse 9. Compare Genesis 2:7; I Corinthians 15:45.
6. What earthly leader made all this possible? Isaiah 44:24, 26-28.
7. What does the Lord say to Cyrus, leader of the Medo-Persian empire? Isaiah 45:1-3. The settlement in their own land again by the decree of Cyrus (Ezra 3:1-2) made possible the first advent of Jesus Christ. Israel rejected Him and they were again scattered to all nations of the world in 70 A.D.
8. What was Ezekiel asked to do next? Verses 16-17 of 37th.
9. What did God predict concerning joined Israel? Verses 22-24. After Israel returned from Babylon they did not erect any idols or copy heathenistic worship. They did over-exaggerate in keeping the commandments and were so zealous they even crucified the Lord because of their rigidness and hypocritical actions.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 3, 2016

THE MAN OF SIN

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 28:1-8; 38:7-12.

Golden Text: Ezekiel 38:10.

NOTE: Again, we want to remind you that Ezekiel is written for the time of exile to Christ's first advent and the time of the last days when Jesus returns the second time for catching up of the saints and for judgment.

1. What was one of the prophecies that Daniel wrote while he was in exile? Daniel 8:13-14. This is called the 2300 day prophecy.
2. The man of sin caused what to happen in Israel after they returned from Babylon? Matthew 24:15-18; Daniel 8:10; Ezekiel 28:4-9.
3. What is prophesied about the Tyrus man of sin? Ezekiel 27:2,10,13,30,32; In the year 168 B.C. this man of sin (Antiochus Epiphanes) began a bitter period for Israel. He slew 40 thousand who refused to bow to Jupiter or to eat swine. He profaned the temple and introduced a Jupiter altar offering a sow on it. Women and children were sold into slavery. This monster is a type of the antichrist. I John 2:18; 4:3. How did he come against Israel after the exile? Ezekiel 38:15-17.
4. How did the man of sin come to an end? Ezekiel 38:21-23. (The Maccabean war) 160-150. We read of the horrible end of this man: “With violence he fell from his chariot. He had to be carried on a litter, bearing witness to the manifest power of God... worms swarmed to of the body of this man.” II Macc. 9:8-11.
5. Let us read now the accomplishments of the man of sin of today. II Thessalonians 2:3-4; Revelation 13:1-2; II John 7:I John 2:22; Daniel 11:41-45.
6. How will he come against Israel at this time? Revelation 16:12; 9:15-18. Notice that Ezekiel cut his hair 5:1-4 and a third part was saved of Israel. Zechariah 13:8-9.
7. What other teaching of Ezekiel is going to be seen in Israel in our time? Zechariah 12:12-14; Ezekiel 18:19-22. Individual responsibility is desired by God at Ezekiel's time and our time today.
8. The Gog and Magog of Ezekiel's time had the same nations to contend with as God is going to have when He comes against Israel during the battle of Armageddon. The 38th chapter is the Gog of the Old Testament; the 39th is the Gog that will come upon Israel that will take them 7 months to bury. Ezekiel 39:11-12.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 10, 2016

UNION OF THE TWO STICKS

**Scripture Reading: II Chronicles 11:11-17; 15:8-14.
Golden Text: II Chronicles 15:3.**

1. Why is it important that we study on a subject like this? Romans 9:4-5, 16-18.
2. When did the 12 tribes of Israel separate? II Chronicles 10:12-19. About 975 B.C.
3. Did this rift among the 12 tribes agree with the plans of God? II Chronicles 11:1-4.
4. When the Judah King Asa held a revival for God, (II Chronicles 15:8), what took place? II Chronicles 15:3; Verses 9-10.
5. That is why all twelve tribes of Israel went into Babylon. Ezekiel 36:16-17, 21-22. Do you understand that all tribes went to Babylon, not just the Judah Kingdom. All tribes then crucified the Lord and they were sent into captivity in all nations around the world. John 1:47; Romans 11:1; Luke 2:25; Verse 36. These verses prove that the Jews at Christ's time were still called Israelites.
6. What is the Word of the Lord to Ezekiel in chapter 37:16-17?
7. What did this procedure mean? Ezekiel 37:18-20. Compare Numbers 17:1-5.
8. What will the Lord do at this time? Ezekiel 37:21-22. From an earlier lesson you have learned that David will be their king and Jesus will be King of kings, and Lord of Lords. Zechariah 12:8; 14:16; Revelation 19:14-16; Ezekiel 37:24-26.

Lesson for Sabbath, December 17, 2016

THE WATER OF LIFE

**Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-16.
Golden Text: Isaiah 55:1.**

1. When the Wrath of God (Revelation 14:19) comes upon the earth (we are speaking of the Seven Last Plagues), what happens to the seas (ocean), rivers and fountains? Revelation 16:3-6. This shows us that much of the water of the earth will be useless. Revelation 8:8-16.
2. What does Ezekiel see that will change the blood filled rivers, fountains and seas? Ezekiel 47:1,8-9.
3. Does John the Revelator see a similar sight? Revelation 22:1.
4. What other prophet of God sees the Living Waters? Zechariah 14:8. This is the same river that has its head water from the throne of God. From the throne it flows under the altar, then it flows out of the threshold of the door of the sanctuary (New Jerusalem) Joel 3:18; Zechariah 13:1.
5. Will the earthly Jerusalem have a river that flows by it from the Mediterranean Sea to the Persian Gulf? Isaiah 33:20-21. The living water from the throne of God will flow east and west after falling down on the earth. This will allow all the water of the earth to be cleansed. Zechariah 14:8. This will form the two rivers as spoken of in Ezekiel 47, flowing east and west, from sea to sea.
6. This water of life supports what tree? Ezekiel 47:12; Revelation 22:1-3.
7. Who is the Lamb that sits on the throne from which the water of life proceeds? John 4:10-14; Ezekiel 36:25.
8. How do we know that the tree Ezekiel saw is the same as the tree John saw? Ezekiel 47:12. It is the same for the fruit is new every 12 months and the leaves are for healing. Also the tree embraces each side of the river.
9. To whom will the Lord Jesus give His living water? Revelation 21:6; John 7:37-38.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 24, 2016

GREAT CONFLICTS YET TO COME

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 39.

Golden Text: Ezekiel 38:14.

NOTE: Beginning with the vision of the dry bones, Ezekiel commences to portray prophecies of restoration and hope. He explains the destructions along with the promises of rebuilding. As we pointed out in an earlier lesson that 38th chapter of Ezekiel was judgment against Gog who was identified with Cambyses, Chaldeans, Turks, Syrians and Scythians. The battle is called the first Gog and Magog. Daniel 8:8-12.

1. What did the angel Gabriel explain to Daniel? Daniel 8:15-16,19.
2. What countries were involved in this battle at first? Daniel 8:20-23.
3. This king of fierce countenance was the first leader of Gog and Magog. It was early in the "Times of the Gentiles" that he came against Jerusalem. Then the next battle by this name comes to us at Armageddon. Zechariah 12:11; Revelation 16:16; 19:11,15,19. It is again against earthly Jerusalem.
4. What other name is given to this battle as found in the 39th chapter of Ezekiel? Zechariah 14:1-3; Revelation 16:14; Zechariah 12:1-2.
5. What battle is often confused with the battles of Gog and Magog? Revelation 20:7-8. This battle is the last and final one. It will take place at the end of the Millennium, at the end of Christ's reign. Revelation 11:15. Christ must reign for the "age of the ages" Millennium. I Corinthians 15:25-26. Satan is chained in prison for one thousand years. Revelation 20:1-2; Isaiah 14:10,12,14-17; Revelation 20:10. Satan is put into the lake of fire for the age of the ages, until verses 14-15 come to an end.
6. Satan is loosed from his prison, when? Revelation 20:7.
7. What will Satan do as soon as he is released from prison? Revelation 20:8-9. He will deceive people who were born and never had been under the influence of Satan. This is the last Gog and Magog army coming against the New Jerusalem. This army is to be destroyed by fire.

Lesson For Sabbath, December 31, 2016

THE TEMPLE AND THE CITY OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 43.

Golden Text: Ezekiel 48:35.

NOTE: This is the large and last section of our study on Ezekiel. I am sure that we do not need to know the measurements of the altar, or the temple, or the gates, but we should be made aware of them.

1. The temple of Nehemiah was rededicated in about 515 B.C. Ezra 6:15-18. This was given to Ezekiel many years before in 587. Ezekiel 40:1-2.
2. Ezekiel was very happy to see what happened. Ezekiel 40:4; 43:4-6.
3. Where was the glory of God before it left? Ezekiel 11:22-25; I Kings 8:10-11.
4. It is noteworthy that Ezekiel was blest, especially when he was given the vision of God's glory departing from the threshold of the temple. Ezekiel 9:3; 10:4,18. It seemed as if the glory of God hesitated to leave from the threshold of the temple. Ezekiel 11:23. Now Ezekiel sees it returning 43:2-5. Now that the glory of the Lord rests once more in the temple, making it again the place of meeting between the Father in Heaven and Israel, a new dimension is given, that of the New Jerusalem, the City from Heaven.
5. What wondrous site does Ezekiel see happening? Ezekiel 47:2.
6. What is the house that contains the altar from under which the water flows? Ezekiel 47:1; Revelation 22:1; 21:2-3.
7. What is the name of this beloved City? Ezekiel 48:35.
8. Can we be as joyful as Ezekiel was, in vision, at seeing the glory of God again? Revelation 2:7. The paradise of God is the New Jerusalem. David will rule from the earthly Jerusalem. Ezekiel 37:24. The Lord Jesus will rule the world from the throne in the New Jerusalem. Ezekiel 39:21-23; Zechariah 12:7-8; 14:8-9.