

Promise and Deliverance Student Workbook

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Level 1

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Preface

When S.G. De Graaf wrote his four-volume series, *Promise and Deliverance*, he showed educators how to teach Bible stories from a redemptive-historical perspective. Rather than turning Bible stories into moralistic tales, De Graaf taught us how all the Bible shows God revealing himself as the God of the covenant, who is working out His redemptive plan for humanity and all of creation.

The 80 workbooks written by Harvey De Groot are meant to supplement De Graaf's work. They are divided by volume and level number: 20 volumes with four levels per volume. Workbook lessons are written at four levels so that families with students in various grades can study the same Bible stories during the week in preparation for their classes on Sunday. Prior to class, the Sunday School teacher should study the lesson in De Graaf's book. The teacher and students can go through the workbook during class.

The levels are divided according to the following grades:

- **Level One:** Grades K-1
- **Level Two:** Grades 2-3
- **Level Three:** Grades 4-6
- **Level Four:** Grades 7-8

Each volume contains 12 or 13 lessons, and each lesson has the following sections:

- **Reference:** The volume and lesson number in De Graaf's series.
- **Scripture:** The passage from Scripture on which the lesson is based.
- **Memory Verse:** A memory verse related to the lesson
- **Lesson Truth:** A short statement to help the class focus on the main point of the lesson.
- **Lesson:** The lesson itself, which the teacher can read in class. For older grades, the teacher may opt to assign it as homework.
- **Questions:** Items to be discussed in class. For older grades, the teacher can assign these questions as homework but should also use them as a basis for class discussion. These are not the only questions that could or should be asked. Teachers should encourage students to come with their own questions as well.

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The Head of the People Upheld

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 49

Scripture: Numbers 16:1-40

Memory Verse: “The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan, and covered the faction of Abiram.” (Psalm 106:17)

Lesson Truth: The Lord supported Moses as the leader of his people. He did this when Korah and his followers rejected Moses as the leader.

Lesson

The children of Israel were not allowed to go into Canaan. God said they would die in the wilderness. Everyone over twenty years old would die in the wilderness. Why would they die in the wilderness? Because they did not believe God could help them conquer Canaan. They blamed Moses and Aaron for all their troubles. They should have blamed themselves.

Three men named Korah, Dathan, and Abiram decided they would no longer obey Moses. They accused Moses of bringing them into the wilderness to die. They said they could lead God’s people as well as Moses and Aaron. They got two hundred fifty men to follow them. Korah thought he should be the high priest. He thought Dathan and Abiram should be the leaders instead of Moses. These three men rejected Moses and Aaron. They rejected the leaders God gave them. They were really rejecting God. This was a very wicked thing to do.

Moses told Korah and his followers to meet him at the tabernacle. He told them to bring censers with fire and incense. Moses said the Lord would then show whom He had chosen. He would show if He had chosen Aaron or Korah. Moses also asked Dathan and Abiram to meet at the tabernacle. They said they would not meet with Moses. They said Moses just wanted to be a king over them. They were very wicked.

Korah then called all the people to the tabernacle. God saw all the people with Korah. God asked Moses and Aaron to be separate from the people.

He said he would then destroy all the people of Israel. Moses and Aaron pleaded with God not to destroy everyone for the sins of Korah. God listened to their prayer. Yet He said he would destroy Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. God told Moses to have the people get away from the tents of these wicked men. Then a terrible thing happened. The earth opened up and swallowed the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. The earth swallowed all their possessions. Korah and the families of Dathan and Abiram went alive into the earth. Then the earth closed over them. They were gone forever. God also sent a fire to consume the two hundred fifty men who offered incense.

God told Moses to have Eleazer pick up the censers out of the fire. Eleazer was Aaron's son. Eleazer pounded the censers into plates. These plates were to cover the altar. Each time the people saw these plates they would remember. They would remember that only Aaron and his sons could offer incense. They would remember not to be like Korah. God kept Moses and Aaron as His chosen leaders. God also keeps the Lord Jesus Christ as our head. We must be happy to serve our head, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Korah, Dathan, and (Abiram - Reuben) decide they would no longer obey Moses.
2. They accused (Joshua - Moses) of bringing them into the wilderness to die.
3. In rejecting the leaders God gave them, the people were really rejecting (God - Korah).
4. Moses and Aaron pleaded with God not to destroy all the people for the sins of (Korah - Eleazer).

5. Korah, Dathan, and Abiram were (alive - dead) when the earth swallowed them.

A Thriving Priesthood

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 50

Scripture: Numbers 16:41–17:13

Memory Verse: “Thus they provoked Him to anger with their deeds, and the plague broke out among them.” (Psalm 106:29)

Lesson Truth: The high priest, Aaron, was chosen by the Lord and anointed by the Holy Spirit.

Lesson

The children of Israel were very sinful. They rose up against Moses and Aaron. They would not listen to the Lord. The earth swallowed Korah, Dathan, and Abiram when they rebelled. This made the people afraid. But they did not turn back to the Lord. They blamed Moses and Aaron for destroying these wicked men. They did not understand the Lord’s grace. They did not understand His judgments.

Once again the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron. This happened a day after Korah, Dathan, and Abiram were swallowed by the earth. How could they be so sinful? The people gathered at the tabernacle to complain. Then a frightening thing happened. The cloud that led the children of Israel covered the tabernacle. The glory of the Lord was seen in the cloud. The Lord then spoke to Moses.

The Lord told Moses to go away from the people. He said He would consume them in a moment. Then the Lord sent a terrible plague. Many people were dying. Moses and Aaron knew they could not pray as before. They knew they could not ask the Lord to spare the people because only a few had sinned. Everyone had sinned! So Moses thought of the office of the high priest. He told Aaron to take a censer and put incense into it. Then he told Aaron to make atonement for the people. Aaron stood between the dead and the living. Then the plague stopped. Fourteen thousand seven hundred people died.

Aaron did not stop the plague. He only offered incense. This pointed to the offering of the great High Priest, Christ Jesus. It was the grace of the

Lord Jesus that stopped the plague. The people deserved to die in the plague. It was the grace of the Lord Jesus that saved some of them.

The children of Israel did not know if Aaron should be the high priest. The Lord showed them a sign that showed that He had chosen Aaron. This was the sign: The Lord told Moses to get a rod from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. A rod is a small branch from a tree. He told Moses to write the name of each tribe on their rod. On the rod from the tribe of Levi, Moses wrote Aaron's name. Then Moses put the twelve rods in the tabernacle. The Lord told Moses that the rod of the man he chose would bloom.

Moses went to the tabernacle the next day. He saw a wonderful thing. The rod of Aaron had buds and blossoms. It even had ripe almonds. Now the people knew God chose Aaron to be the high priest. Aaron's rod of dead wood became alive. This pointed to Jesus. You and I who are dead in sin can be made alive. God told Moses to save Aaron's rod in the ark of Testimony. We must believe that God chose Jesus to be our High Priest. Jesus offers atonement for our sins.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The people gathered at the (tabernacle - temple) to complain against Moses and Aaron.
2. When the people were gathered a (fire - cloud) covered the tabernacle.
3. The (glory - anger) of the Lord appeared to Moses.
4. Moses told Aaron to take a (goat - censer) and make atonement for the people.

5. Aaron's incense pointed to Jesus Christ Our great (High priest - Prophet).

The Living God

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 51

Scripture: Numbers 20:1-13

Memory Verse: “They angered Him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses on account of them.” (Psalm 106:32)

Lesson Truth: When Moses struck the rock instead of speaking to it, he failed as a mediator. The Lord kept the honor of His name by not allowing Moses and Aaron to enter Canaan.

Lesson

The Children of Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years. It was nearly time for them to enter Canaan. They were in the wilderness of Zin. They were at a place called Kadesh. At Kadesh they did not have any water. Whenever trouble came they complained. At Kadesh they again gathered against Moses and Aaron. They were very wicked. They said they wished they had died in the plague. They even asked Moses why he led them out of Egypt. How sad that the people forgot what God did for them.

The people were thirsty. They thought Moses was to blame for their thirst. The children of Israel forgot that God gave them their food and water. They forgot that if they complained against Moses they were complaining against God. They said there is no grain or figs in this place. They were very bad. It is bad to forget that God gives us food. They did not honor God. They acted as if there were no God. They acted as if Moses could give them food and water.

Moses heard their complaints. He and Aaron went to the tabernacle. They fell on their faces before God. Then God’s glory came to them. God spoke to Moses. God told Moses to gather the people at a big rock. He told Moses to speak to the rock. If Moses spoke to the rock water would come out. Then the people could drink. Their animals could also drink.

Moses was to tell the people that God would bring water from the rock. God's name would be honored if he told the people where the water came from.

Moses was angry and discouraged. Again and again the people complained. They said Moses was to blame for their troubles. This time Moses forgot to honor God's name. He acted as if his rod and his word could produce water. He told the people they were rebels. He asked if he and Aaron should bring water from the rock. This was not right. Only God could bring water from the rock. Moses then hit the rock two times with his rod. Water came gushing out. God was not pleased that Moses did not honor His name before the people. Moses failed as the one who spoke to God for the people.

Moses did not honor God's name at the rock. Now he would not be allowed to go into the Promised Land. Neither would Aaron be able to go into Canaan. God's name must always be honored. The leaders of His people must surely honor His name. How sad for Moses and Aaron! They planned for years to go into Canaan. Now they could not because of their sin. But Moses and Aaron receive grace. This is the grace of Jesus. Jesus is the Mediator who never failed. Because of His grace, the sins of Moses and Aaron are wiped away. Our sins can also be wiped away because of the grace of our Lord Jesus.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. When the children of Israel came to (Kadesh - Canaan) they had no water.
2. The people thought (Miriam - Moses) was to blame for their thirst.
3. The people asked Moses, why did you lead us out of (Egypt - Canaan).
4. (Aaron - Moses) hit the rock instead of speaking to it as the Lord commanded.

5. Because Moses and Aaron did not honor God at the rock they were not allowed to enter (Kadesh - Canaan).

Humiliation

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 52

Scripture: Numbers 20:14–21:9

Memory Verse: “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up.” (John 3:14)

Lesson Truth: The Lord helped His people learn to trust Him by making them humble at Edom.

Lesson

Sometimes the Lord helps us by giving trials. Trials can make us humble. The children of Israel were made humble. They were ready to enter Canaan. They wanted to go into Canaan from the east. To do that they had to travel through Edom. The Edomites were sons of Esau. Esau was a twin brother of Israel. Surely a brother would let them pass through their land. But this brother did not.

Moses sent men to the king of Edom. He asked if they could pass through Edom. The King of Edom said no. He said, “You may not pass through Edom.” This made the children of Israel feel bad. The king of Edom said no to a small favor. Should the children of Israel go through Edom by force? Should they fight Edom? No, the Lord wanted them to be humble. The Lord wanted them to trust Him. They would learn to trust Him by going around Edom. The Lord went around Edom with them. He led them in the pillar of cloud. The Lord’s kingdom comes by being a servant. It does not come by force.

The Children of Israel traveled to Mount Hor. At Mount Hor, God said it was time for Aaron to die. God again showed His grace. He said there would still be a high priest. Even after Aaron died. He told Moses to put Aaron’s garments on Eleazer. This made Eleazer the high priest. The office of priest pointed to Jesus. Jesus is the great High Priest. He pays for the sins of all believers. Eleazer made sacrifices only for the Israelites.

On the way to Mount Hor the king of Arad attacked the Israelites. He was a king from Canaan. The people of Canaan were very wicked. The

Lord said the people of Canaan had to be destroyed. The Israelites asked God to save them. They said they would destroy all the cities of Arad. They would do this if the Lord would save them. The Lord heard their prayer. He saved them from the king of Arad. The Israelites destroyed all the cities of Arad. They did not keep any of the things from Arad. They trusted the Lord.

Now the Israelites came near the Red Sea. They traveled around Edom. They did not have enough food and water. They forgot that God would take care of them. They spoke against God and against Moses. The Lord was angry with the Israelites. He sent fiery serpents to bite them. Many people of Israel died. Then they knew they had sinned. They said to Moses, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against God and against you." They asked Moses to pray for them. Moses prayed and the Lord gave him a sign. The Lord told Moses to make a serpent of bronze. He told Moses to put it on a pole. He told him the people should look at the bronze serpent. Then they would not die of the bites.

This was a sign that pointed to Jesus. Jesus had to be nailed to a cross. Believers will be saved if they look to the cross. The people of Israel had to look at the bronze serpent. Then they would be healed. You and I must look at the cross of Jesus. Then we will be saved.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The king of (Edom - Arad) would not allow the Israelites to go through his land.
2. At Mount Hor, God said it was time for (Moses - Aaron) to die.
3. God told Moses to make (Edom - Eleazer) the high priest instead of Aaron.

4. At the Red Sea, the Israelites spoke against God and against (Moses - Aaron).

5. The Lord sent fiery serpents to bite the people and many people (became sick - died).

Blessed by the Lord

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 53

Scripture: Numbers 21:10–24:25

Memory Verse: “How lovely are your tents, O Jacob! Your dwellings, O Israel.” (Numbers 24:5)

Lesson Truth: Israel was blessed even when Balaam wanted to curse her. As God’s chosen people she is the one blessed forever.

Lesson

Our story today is a beautiful story. God blessed His chosen people. He blessed them when Balaam wanted to curse them. Our story tells about some miracles. It tells how a donkey could see what his master could not see. It tells about this donkey talking. This happened when the Israelites were camped in the plains of Moab.

The children of Israel traveled around Edom. They were on the way to Canaan. Two kings fought with them. One was Sihon king of the Amorites. The other one was Og king of Bashan. The Lord fought for the children of Israel. Both the kings and their people were defeated. Israel destroyed all their cities and all their people. This made the king and the people of Moab very afraid. They were afraid Israel would destroy them too. They knew Israel’s God fought for them. What could they do?

Balak the king of Moab said we must find a prophet. We must get a prophet to curse Israel. Then Israel’s God will not fight for them. Where could they find such a prophet? Balak thought of a prophet in a far away country. His name was Balaam. He knew that Balaam blessed some people and cursed others. He sent elders to Balaam to ask him to come to Moab. He promised Balaam honor and gifts if he would curse the children of Israel. Balaam asked the Lord if he should go to Moab. The Lord told him not to go.

The elders went back to king Balak. They told him Balaam would not come. He sent the elders back to Balaam with bigger gifts. Balaam again asked the Lord if he should go to Moab. The Lord said he could go. But He was not pleased with Balaam. He told Balaam to speak only what the Lord told him to speak. Then a strange thing happened.

God sent the Angel of the Lord to stand in Balaam's way. Balaam did not see the Angel of the Lord. But the donkey that Balaam was riding did see Him. Three times the donkey saw the Angel of the Lord. Each time he jumped out of the way. And each time Balaam would beat his donkey. Then the Lord made it possible for the donkey to talk. He asked Balaam why he beat him. When the donkey talked Balaam's eyes were opened. Then he too saw the Angel of the Lord.

The Angel told Balaam he would have died if the donkey had not jumped out of the way. Now Balaam knew that he only dared to say the things God told him to say. He told king Balak that he could only speak what God told him to say.

King Balak took him to three different places. He asked Balaam to curse Israel at each place. But each time Balaam spoke, a blessing for Israel came out. This made king Balak very angry. But Balaam said: "How shall I curse what God has not cursed?" Now the entire world knew that the children of Israel were forgiven. They knew that they were God's chosen people. They knew that God's people were blessed forever.

Now king Balak sent Balaam away. Before he went back he gave one more prophecy. Balaam told of a Star that would come from Jacob. He told of a Scepter that would come from Israel. This was a wonderful prophecy. It told about the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. He is the one who would defeat all God's enemies.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. As the children of Israel traveled to Canaan, Sihon and (Balak - Og) fought with them.
2. The (Lord - Balaam) fought for the children of Israel.
3. The king of Moab sent elders to (Sihon - Balaam) to ask him to curse the children of Israel.
4. When Balaam beat his donkey (Balak - the donkey) talked to him.
5. The Star that Balaam prophesied would come from Jacob was (The Messiah - King Balak).

The Sovereignty of God's Justice

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 54

Scripture: Numbers 25–36

Memory Verse: “Therefore say, ‘Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace.’” (Numbers 25:12)

Lesson Truth: The Lord's law is right. His people must live under His rules.

Lesson

The children of Israel were ready to enter Canaan. They were camped just east of the Jordan River. The Lord was always good to Israel. He would not allow Balaam to curse His people. Now Balaam told the women of Moab to tempt the men of Israel. He knew this would trouble Israel as much as a curse. Balaam told the women of Moab to invite the men of Israel to feasts for their gods.

The men of Israel listened to the women of Moab. Some men of Israel even lived with the women of Moab. They went to feasts for the Baal of Peor. This was a very wicked thing to do. It showed that they forgot God. They were willing to bow down to an idol. The men of Israel knew this was wrong. God would not allow them to do such a sinful thing. God sent a plague. This plague caused many Israelites to die. God told Moses to punish the evil leaders. He told Moses to hang these leaders in the hot sun. The people had to know that God could not let them serve idols. If they served idols the Redeemer could not come from His people.

The people went to the tabernacle. There they cried because of the plague. They would not listen to God. They felt sorry for themselves. One man from Israel brought a woman from Midian to the people. He said he would live with this woman. He would live with her even if God told him not to do so. This was a very wicked thing for him to do.

Phinehas the priest saw what this man did. He knew this was a very wicked thing to do. Phinehas was filled with a desire to honor the Lord. He did something the other leaders were afraid to do. He took a spear and he

drove it through the bodies of this man and woman. He put them to death. He would not allow them to do such a wicked thing.

Phinehas did the right thing. He honored the Lord. The others who did these wicked things were hanged. Then the plague stopped. Twenty four thousand people died in the plague. It stopped when one man was killed. This pointed to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ the Redeemer. The one Son of God honored the Father's rules. He died to pay for all our sins that must be punished.

Now Israel was ready to go into the Promised Land. God told Moses and Eleazer to count the people. Then they would know how to divide the Promised Land. Moses would not go into Canaan. He did not honor God at the waters of Meribah. But God did give Israel a new leader. This was Joshua the son of Nun.

God told Moses to do one more thing before he died. He told Moses to punish the wicked people of Moab and Midian. Moses sent one thousand soldiers from each tribe to fight Midian. These soldiers beat the Midianites. They destroyed all their cities. But they kept the women and children alive. That did not please Moses. He reminded the soldiers that it was the women who tempted Israel. So the soldiers put all the boys and married women to death. Now Israel knew they must honor the Lord's commands. You and I must also remember that the rules of the Lord are always right.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. God would not allow (Moab - Balaam) to curse His people.
2. (Balaam - Phinehas) told the women of Moab to tempt the men of Israel.
3. (Balaam - Phinehas) drove a spear through the bodies of a man from Israel and a woman from Moab.

4. (Phinehas - Balaam) did the right thing and honored the Lord when he put a man and woman to death.

5. God told (Moses - Eleazer) to punish the people of Midian before he died.

The Word Is Very Near You

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 55

Scripture: Deuteronomy 29–34

Memory Verse: “But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.” (Romans 10:8)

Lesson Truth: God’s word is found within people who are in the covenant.

Lesson

The people of Moab and Midian had been defeated. They could not get Balaam to curse Israel. They learned that God blessed His people. They learned that God is the ruler.

The children of Israel were still camped in Moab. They were ready to go into Canaan. The Lord said Moses could not go into Canaan. He told Moses to get ready to die. Moses wanted the children of Israel to serve God. He wanted them to remember God after he died.

Moses did many things to help the people remember God. He made Joshua the new leader. He read the law to the people. He told the priests to read the law to each new generation. He reminded the people of God’s covenant. He told them to keep the words of the covenant. Moses told the people the word is very near you. He said it was in their mouth and in their heart. He said God would be with them if they kept the covenant. The covenant was God’s agreement to be Israel’s God. The covenant showed how much God loved His people. Moses also wrote a song. This song helped the people remember what God did for them. It also told of the Lord’s blessing for each tribe.

Moses called all the people together. He reminded them of the things God did to Egypt. He reminded them that God took care of them in the wilderness. He reminded them that the Lord defeated their enemies for them. He told them that God promised to be their God. He asked the

people to promise to be God's people. Moses said that God would make His covenant with the children of Israel. He said God's covenant would also be for other nations. It would be for others who served the Lord.

Moses read the law so everyone could hear it. He wrote the law in a book. He gave this book to the priests. He told them to keep it in the sanctuary. He told the priests to read the law every seven years. Moses wanted all the young people to know God's covenant.

Moses loved the people of the Lord. He did one last thing before he died. He wrote a beautiful song. In this song he told the people to remember. He wanted them to remember what God did to the Egyptians. He wanted them to remember how God took care of His people in the wilderness. Moses wanted the children of Israel to know that God is always faithful.

Moses also blessed each of the tribes of Israel. He told important things that would happen to each tribe. Moses knew he could not make the blessing come true. He knew that the Lord Jesus makes blessings come true. He knew that the children of Israel were the Lord's people.

Moses then went up to Mount Nebo. Moses died on Mount Nebo. He went to be with the Lord. The Lord buried his body. His soul was with the Lord. Moses was a servant of the Lord. When he died his eyes and body were still strong.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Moses wanted the children of Israel to (remember - forget) God after he died.
2. Moses told the people that the word of God was very (far away - near you).
3. Moses wrote a (song - speech) asking the people to remember what God did.

4. Moses read the (covenant - law) so everyone could hear it.

5. Moses died on (Mount Nebo - Mount Sinai).

Brought into Canaan

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 56

Scripture: Joshua 1:1–5:12

Memory Verse: “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1)

Lesson Truth: Israel was brought into the Promised Land by the hand of the Lord.

Lesson

The Lord took Moses to be with Him. Israel needed a new leader. The new leader would lead them into Canaan. The Lord chose Joshua to be the new leader. The Spirit of the Lord lived in Joshua. The Lord helped Joshua to be Israel’s new leader.

The Lord gave Joshua a very hard task. It was hard to lead the children of Israel. Many times they did not listen. They did what they wanted to do. It was also hard because of Israel’s enemies. The Lord told Joshua He would help him. He would help with this very hard task. He told Joshua to be strong. The Lord told Joshua to keep the law of God. He told him to think about the law each day and each night. Then Joshua would be blessed. Joshua did not need to be afraid. The Lord promised to go with him.

Joshua told the people to get ready. He told them to prepare food. He said they would cross the Jordan River before three more days. Then they would be in the Promised Land. A wonderful thing happened. The people accepted Joshua as their new leader. The Lord worked in their heart. That is why they accepted Joshua.

Joshua got ready to go into Canaan. He sent two men across the Jordan River. He told them to find out how strong the people in Canaan were. The two men went to the city of Jericho. They stayed in the house of Rahab. Rahab was a lady of the night. She heard what the Lord did for Israel. She told the two men that everyone was afraid. The people of

Jericho knew that the Lord helped Israel. They knew that the Lord made a path through the Red Sea. They knew that the Lord defeated the kings of Ammon. Rahab told the two men that everyone in Jericho was very afraid.

The two men brought this report to Joshua. Now Joshua knew that the Spirit of the Lord was in Canaan. The Spirit of the Lord made the enemies afraid. The two men also learned that Rahab wanted to believe. She told them she knew that the God of Israel was the God of heaven and earth. The men told Rahab she would be saved when Jericho was destroyed. She would be saved if she hung a scarlet cord in her window.

Joshua was ready to lead the people into Canaan. But how could they get there? The Jordan River was in the way. The Jordan River was overflowing its banks. It was the rainy season. Then the Lord told Joshua to have the priests carry the Ark of the Covenant. He told him to have the people watch the ark. The ark was a sign that the Lord was with them.

Then the Lord made a miracle. The priests carrying the ark touched the water with their feet. Do you know what happened? The rushing water stopped running. The Lord made the river dry up. The priests carried the ark to the middle of the river. They stopped in the middle. Then all the people walked through the river on dry ground. They walked right past the Ark of the Covenant. Now the children of Israel knew the Lord brought them into Canaan.

Israel's enemies were afraid. They did not dare to fight Israel. The Lord told Joshua to remember the covenant. He told him to remember it with two special ceremonies. These ceremonies were the Passover and Circumcision. The Lord promised again that He would be their God. The people promised that they would be the Lord's people.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The Lord chose (Joshua - Moses) to be their new leader.

2. (Moses - The Lord) helped the people accept their new leader.
3. The people were told to get ready to cross the (Jordan - Jericho) River.
4. The Lord sent a miracle that (stopped - made a bridge over) the water of the river.
5. The Lord told Joshua to remember the (miracle - covenant).

Set Apart to the Lord by the Ban

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 57

Scripture: Joshua 5:13–8:35

Memory Verse: “And the Lord said to Joshua: “See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.”” (Joshua 6:2)

Lesson Truth: Jericho and all of Canaan are devoted to the Lord for destruction.

Lesson

Joshua and the children of Israel crossed the Jordan River. The Lord stopped the flooded river. He let the children of Israel cross the river on dry ground. Joshua knew it was time to conquer Canaan. He saw the high walls of Jericho. He wondered how he could conquer Jericho. Just then he saw a Man with a sword in his hand. He asked the Man if he was a friend?

The Man told Joshua He was the Commander of the Army of the Lord. Joshua fell on his face and worshiped. The Commander told Joshua to take off his shoes. He told Joshua he was standing on holy ground. Do you know who the Commander of the Lord’s Army was? He was the Angel of the Lord. He was the same Angel who talked to Moses at the burning bush. He was the Lord Jesus Christ. Joshua knew He came to overthrow the people of Canaan. The people of Canaan were very wicked. It was time for them to be destroyed. The people of Canaan were devoted to the Lord for destruction.

Joshua would not destroy the people of Canaan. The Lord would destroy the people of Canaan. How would the Lord do this? He showed Joshua and all Israel how He would destroy Jericho. He would destroy Jericho without a battle. He told Joshua to have his soldiers march around Jericho once each day. They did this for six days. The Lord told Joshua to have the priests carry the Ark of the Covenant. They were to carry it in the

middle of the soldiers. Priests also had to carry trumpets before the ark. The soldiers and priests had to march quietly around Jericho once each day. On the seventh day they had to march around the city seven times. Then the Lord showed how He defeated His enemies.

On the seventh day the soldiers and priests marched around the city seven times. Then the priests blew the trumpets. The people shouted when Joshua told them to shout. Do you know what happened? The walls of Jericho fell down. The soldiers went into the city and destroyed the wicked people. Jericho was destroyed without a battle. The people of Jericho were set apart by the Lord to be destroyed.

Now Joshua was ready to capture the next city. The next city was Ai. Joshua's spies told him to send only a few thousand soldiers. They said that Ai was not strong. Do you know what happened when they went to Ai? The soldiers of Ai beat them. Joshua's soldiers had to run away. Now Joshua knew that something was wrong. He fell on his face and asked the Lord what was wrong? The Lord told Joshua that they had sinned. Joshua had to find out who sinned. He found out it was Achan. He was from the tribe of Judah. He had taken a robe and some silver and gold from Jericho. This was a wicked thing to do. It was wicked because the Lord said they could not take things from Jericho.

Joshua and the people of Israel took Achan and his family. They stoned them to death in the valley of Achor. Wickedness had to be destroyed in Israel. Now the Israelites beat the soldiers of Ai. They destroyed all the people of Ai. Joshua hung the king of Ai on a tree. Ai was also set apart by the Lord to be destroyed.

Joshua now brought the people of Israel to Mount Ebal and to Mount Gerizim. There he did what Moses commanded him to do. He wrote the Law of Moses on stones. He also read the law so everyone could hear it. The law reminded the people they would be blessed if they obeyed the law. It also reminded them they would be cursed if they did not obey the law.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Joshua looked toward Jericho he saw a Man with a (sword - slingshot) in His hand.
2. The Man told Joshua He was the (Captain - Commander) of the Lord's Army.
3. The Lord told Joshua that He would destroy Jericho without (a battle - soldiers).
4. The priests had to carry the Ark of the Covenant (ahead of - in the middle of) the soldiers.
5. The men of Ai beat the men of Israel the first time because (Joshua - Achan) sinned.

The Righteousness of God

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 58

Scripture: Joshua 9–12

Memory Verse: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.” (Proverbs 3:5)

Lesson Truth: God destroys His enemies because a righteous God must destroy sin.

Lesson

God gave the land of Canaan to Israel. He promised it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. Now it was time for Israel to move into Canaan. It was time because the Canaanites were very sinful. It was time for them to be destroyed. A righteous God could no longer bear their sinfulness.

The people of Israel were camped at Gilgal. They came from Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim. They were right in the middle of Canaan. There were cities to the south of them. There were cities to the north of them. The people and kings in these cities were afraid of Israel. They heard what the Lord did to Jericho. They heard what He did to Ai. The kings of these cities decided to go together to fight Israel.

One king and his people decided to trick Joshua. They were the people of Gibeon. They went to Joshua and Israel in very old clothes. They acted like they traveled a long way. They asked Israel’s rulers to make an agreement with them. They said, “We will be your servants if you don’t destroy us.” Joshua thought they were fooling. He said, “Maybe you live nearby.” So they showed Joshua their moldy bread. Joshua and the rulers made an agreement with them. It was a very important agreement. They made the agreement with an oath in the name of the Lord. This kind of agreement can never be broken. But Joshua and the rulers did not ask the Lord. It was sinful to make an agreement without asking the Lord.

After three days the rulers knew they had been tricked. The people of Gibeon were their neighbors. Some of the people wanted to destroy them. The rulers said, “We may not harm them because of the oath we made.”

An oath made in the name of the Lord may never be broken. Joshua and the rulers then made The Gibeonites slaves. The people of Gibeon had to cut the wood and carry the water for Israel.

The kings of the south were angry at Gibeon. They were angry because Gibeon made an agreement with Israel. These kings decided to fight Gibeon. They didn't know Israel would help Gibeon. Joshua attacked the kings of the south. The Lord helped Joshua. He made the kings afraid. They tried to flee to Beth-Horon. At Beth-Horon the Lord rained large hailstones on the kings and their people. Then something very wonderful happened. Joshua told the sun and the moon to stand still. He did this in the name of the Lord. The Lord allowed the sun to stand still. It stood still for almost a whole day. Joshua then defeated the kings of the south.

The kings of the north heard about Israel's victories. They were very afraid. They all got together to fight Israel. They had a big army. They had horses and chariots. The Lord told Joshua: "Do not be afraid because of them." The Lord then gave them into the hand of Israel. The kings and the people were totally destroyed. Now the land of Canaan belonged to Israel. A righteous God destroyed the wicked Canaanites.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. God gave the land of Canaan to (Israel - Gibeon).
2. The people and the king of (Edom - Gibeon) decided to trick the rulers of Israel.
3. Joshua and the rulers made an (oath - altar) before the Lord to the Gibeonites.
4. An (oath - altar) made before the Lord may never be broken.

5. The Lord rained (rocks - hailstones) on the kings of the south at Beth-Horon.

The Heritage of the Saints

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 59

Scripture: Joshua 13–22

Memory Verse: “But to the tribe of Levi Moses had given no inheritance; the Lord God of Israel was their inheritance, as He said to them.” (Joshua 13:33)

Lesson Truth: It was the Lord who gave each of the tribes of Israel their inheritance as Joshua cast the lots.

Lesson

Do you know what a heritage is? It is land or possessions given to people. The children of Israel were given a heritage. They were given the land of Canaan. This was the land that God promised to Abraham. The children of Israel waited many years for their heritage. The Lord brought them into Canaan. He dried up the Jordan River so they could get across. The Lord gave the children of Israel victories over their enemies.

Joshua was the faithful leader of Israel. He was now old. The Lord had one big task for Joshua before he died. He told Joshua to divide the land of Canaan. Each tribe of Israel was to get some land. The Lord told Joshua to use the lot to divide the land. By using the lot the Lord decided who would get each piece of land. In this way each tribe of Israel was given some land. This was their heritage.

One piece of land was given to Caleb. Caleb was of the tribe of Judah. The city of Hebron was given to Caleb. It was given to Caleb because he had been a faithful spy. He had been a faithful spy for Moses. The sons of Anak lived at Hebron. Anak was a giant. Caleb believed God could destroy the giants. Now Caleb was given the land where the giants lived. He quickly went to fight the giants. Caleb was right. The Lord helped him destroy the giants.

Many of the children of Israel were afraid. They were afraid to drive out

the people of the land. They did not believe that the Lord would help them. Joshua wanted to help them believe that the Lord was with them. He called them all to come to Shiloh. The tabernacle was at Shiloh. Joshua told them the Angel of the Lord was at Shiloh. The Angel of the Lord is Christ Jesus. Joshua told them the Lord was in Canaan. The Lord would make a safe place for His people. Now the rest of the land was divided among the tribes.

The leaders of Israel now told Joshua to choose a piece of land. He had been a faithful spy with Caleb. He was to have his own heritage. He had finished dividing the land. He obeyed the Lord's command. Joshua went to live on his own land.

The tribe of Levi did not get land. They were the priests. They lived in cities of the other tribes. They offered the sacrifices to God. This was a reminder that the land was to be used to serve the Lord. God's people now lived in the Promised Land. This was their heritage. The Redeemer would one day come from God's faithful people.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Land or possessions given to people is called a (heritage - covenant).
2. The children were given the land of (Moab - Canaan) as a heritage.
3. This was the land that had been promised to (Caleb - Abraham).
4. The Lord was with his people at the tabernacle at (Hebron - Shiloh).
5. The tribe of (Levi - Judah) did not get a piece of land for a heritage.

Confirmed in the Inheritance

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 60

Scripture: Joshua 23–24

Memory Verse: “We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God.”
(Joshua 24:18b)

Lesson Truth: Joshua stood between God and Israel. His burial in Canaan showed that this was the land God promised to Israel.

Lesson

Joshua was Israel’s great leader. He followed the Lord as they conquered Canaan. He divided the land by lot. That was the way the Lord told him to do it. Joshua loved God and obeyed Him. He was very old. He knew his life would soon end. He called the leaders of Israel together. He wanted to talk to them before he died.

Joshua wanted the people to remember: Remember that God drove out their enemies; Remember that God gave them the land of Canaan; And remember the Law of Moses; Remember the law so they would keep it; Remember that God made them strong; Remember that God drove out strong nations; Remember that God could make one man as strong as a thousand. Joshua said, “Remember the Lord your God fights for you.”

Joshua told the leaders it would be bad to forget. Those who forget might follow Canaan’s gods. Those who forget might marry godless girls. Then God would not drive out their enemies. Then God would no longer fight for them.

Joshua knew that God keeps His promises. He knew that God promised to be Israel’s God. He wanted the people of Israel to remember that promise. He wanted them to remember that they promised to be God’s people. He wanted them to remember what God did because of this promise. He reminded them that God brought Abraham to Canaan. He reminded them that God brought Israel out of Egypt. He reminded them

that God defeated their enemies. Joshua reminded them of the many things God did for them.

Joshua now told them they had to choose. He told them must choose if they would serve only God. He told them they must choose between God and idols. Joshua told them that he made the choice. He told them that he and his house would serve the Lord.

The leaders of Israel said, “We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God.” Joshua warned them that God is holy. He told them that God is jealous. He told them they could not serve God and idols. He told them they must serve only God. He reminded them of God’s promise that He would be their God. He asked the people to promise they would be God’s people. This was the way Joshua reminded them of God’s covenant.

Joshua and Eleazer the priest both died. The leaders of Israel buried them in Canaan. They also buried the bones of Joseph. They had carried Joseph’s bones from Egypt. Now the people knew that Canaan was their land. Canaan was their inheritance. They would live in Canaan to wait for God’s promised Son. The people knew their leaders would rise from the dead. They would rise from the dead because the Promised Son came. The Promised Son is Jesus the Redeemer.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Israel’s great leader who loved the Lord and obeyed him was (Joshua - Eleazer).
2. Israel’s great leader wanted them to (forget - remember) what God did for them.
3. Joshua knew that God (keeps - breaks) His promises.
4. Joshua said the people had to choose between God and (armies - idols).

5. The leaders of Israel buried Joshua and the bones of (Joseph - Isaac).