destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon? 2 Chronicles 36:18; Daniel 5:1-5.

- 9. What decree did Artaxerxes make concerning providing money for this great work? Ezra 7:21.
- According to the date at the top of the page of your Bible, what year did this decree of Artaxerxes's go forth? (Many Bibles have these marginal dates and all give the date of 457 B.C.).
- How long after this decree, was reconciliation made for iniquity? Daniel 9:24; Matthew 26:6-13.

Note: From the date at the top of the page in your Bible you will see that the crucifixion date is given as 33 A.D. Adding to this number of years B.C. 457 (Ezra 7) when the commandment went forth and money was appropriated for the rebuilding of the Temple, it makes just 490 days or 70 weeks. The main outline of the prophecy was wonderfully fulfilled. The Messiah came; He was cut off; reconciliation was made for sin; the Holy One, the Messiah, was anointed; the prince (Titus the Roman) that followed after, destroyed the city; and desolation came upon the Holy Land. The announcements made by Gabriel to Daniel have come to pass exactly. Now we are in the time of the final restoration of Israel to their Promised

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"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." Psalms 122:6

- 9. What kind of promises come with reconciliation? 2 Peter 1:4.
- 10. What gives life to the Word of God? John 6:63.
- 11. What should the reconciled person live by? Matthew 4:4.
- 12. What are the Scriptures able to do? 2 Timothy 3:15.

Lesson for April 25, 2020.

THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

Scripture reading: Isaiah 59:1-16. Memory verse: Isaiah 53:6

- 1. What condition prevailed before Christ came similar to those of today? Isaiah 59:2,3
- 2. Was there any intercessor? Verse 16.
- Could true and justice be found in that time? Verses 14, 15.

Note: Truth and justice are very closely related, for there is no justice without truth, and truth can never be put down.

- 4. Was the situation remedied, and by whom? Verse 16, last part, and verse 17.
- 5. What were some of the things for which the Father sent the Messiah into the world? Isa. 61: 1, 2.

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- 6. When the Messiah came did He speak of Himself? John 8:17, 18.
- Who gave special witnesses that He was the Son of God? Matt. 3:16, 17.

Note: Some say that He was not the Son of God, but in making this claim they deny the Father because He spoke from heaven saying: "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3:17.

- 8. Before He came into the world was the truth hidden, or at least not discerned? Matt. 13: 34, 35; 1 Cor 2:7, 8.
- What special promise is given to the Remnant people? John 8:31, 32.

Note: The Saviour healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and opened their understanding, forgave their sins, comforting their hearts by the words of the Gospel, He was indeed the Word made flesh and the light of the world.

- 10. What did he promise to send in his place when He went away and for what purpose? John 15:26, 14:26, 27.
- 11. What is further said about truth being our protector in the perils of the last days? Psalms 91:4
- 12. What will happen to people who do not love the truth, and have no desire for it? 2 Thess. 2:9-12.

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Lesson for April 4, 2020.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Scripture Reading: John 6:22-71. Memory Verse: John 6:54.

- 1. Where did Jesus go after feeding the five thousand? John 6:24, 25.
- 2. Why were the multitudes seeking Him? John 6:26
- 3. What did Jesus tell them about food? From where did He say this food would be obtained? John 6:27
- 4. Does it appear that the multitude thought they had this bread from heaven? How did Jesus reply? John 6:31-35.
- 5. How did the Jews respond to this statement which Jesus made? John 6:42.
- 6. How did Jesus reply to their murmurings? John 6:48-51, 53-58.
- When Jesus introduced the Lord's Supper, what did He say the unleavened bread represented? Luke 22:19; Matthew 26:26. Compare with John 6:51, 53.

Note: While Jesus and His disciples were eating the Passover, Jesus took bread, blessed it and said, take, eat, this is My Body. This unleavened bread represented His Body. The

PROPHECIES CONCERNING JERUSALEM

Scripture Reading: Ezra 7.

Memory Verse: Ezra 7:27.

- 1. When the angel Gabriel visited Daniel in Babylon, what was his chief purpose and message? Daniel 9:24 and the first part of verse 25.
- 2. What other very important event concerning the Messiah did the angel Gabriel make known? Verse 26 (first part).
- 3. Did the commandment go forth to rebuild the house of God? Ezra 7:13,20.
- 4. Are these favors and instructions found in the King's letter concerning this matter? Verse 11.
- 5. Was there any appropriation of silver and gold given to Ezra, the high priest of the Jews? Verses 15, 16.
- Were the Jews allowed to buy, and take with them to Jerusalem, many provisions? Verses 17, 18.
- 7. Were they also permitted to take with them vessels needed for the house of God? Verse 19.
- 8. Were there any vessels of importance carried away from the first House of God, which was

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deceptive work upon the nations. These are the people which were left when Jesus came (Zec. 14:16,17), who have lived and multiplied during the thousand years. (Isa. 65:20-25). Some have failed to obey the Lord (Zec. 14:17-19), therefore the devil is loosed to deceive them, that they might all be destroyed.

- 14. What happens to the devil at this time? Rev. 20:10.
- 15. What happens when all enemies are destroyed? 1 Corinthians 15:24,25.
- 16. Will the sea still be in existence when Jesus reigns? Psalms 72:8.
- 17. Will there be any more sea once the reign of Christ is completed and He gives the reign over to the Father, and the City of God comes down? Revelation 21:1-4.

- 1. What was the great service command given by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? Mark 16:15-19.
- Is this responsibility only to those called into the ministry? Matt. 25:14, 15.
- 3. What are some of these servants doing today with their ability? Matt. 25:24-29.
- 4. What admonition and reward will be given to those who assume their part and privilege of the gospel? Verse 23.
- What will happen to those who take no active part? Verse 30; John 15:1, 2.
 What does this gospel, commission include? Luke 9:1.
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- Will those who believe be able to do a great work! John 14:12.

Note: Those seeking these gifts should often read the miracles of the New Testament, and believe the promise - that they will be done again.

- Are we commanded to covet the gifts of the Spirit? 1 Cor. 12:31; 14:1.
- 9. What are the gifts of the Spirit? 1 Cor. 12:8-10.
- Is the Heavenly Father willing to give these good things (gifts of the Spirit) to those who seek for them earnestly? Matt. 7:7-11.
- 11. How are these gifts obtained? Matt. 7:7, 8; Luke 11:9-13.
- 12. If anyone will really hunger and thirst after these gifts, will they obtain them? Matt. 5:6.
- Will the church possess these gifts in their fullness? 1 Cor. 1:5-7.

Note: Besides the gift of prophecy, which includes preaching (1 Cor. 14:3) the ministers should covet the other gifts, earnestly seeking for them.

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- 2. What did the angel say unto Mary about the reign, while announcing the birth of the Christ Child? Luke 1:31-33.
- 3. What did Peter say about the reign of Jesus? Acts 2:29, 30; 2 Peter 1:11, 12.
- How long will Jesus reign, and where? Rev. 5:9, 10, 20:4-6; Dan. 7:27; 2:35, 44; 1 Cor. 15:22-28.
- Who will live and reign with Christ? Rev. 5:10; 20:4; Matthew 19:27-29; Luke 19:17-19.
- 6. Who will be the subjects of this reign? Psalms 2:6-8; Isaiah 66:15-19.
- What will happen to all those who will be disobedient in the Kingdom of Christ? Psa. 2:9; Rev. 2:26, 27; 19:11-15.
- 8. Who will attack Jesus and those who live and reign with Him? Revelation 17:11-15; 19:19.
- 9. What will happen to the beast and his army at this time? Revelation 19:21.
- 10. Where will the devil be during the reign of Christ? Revelation 20:1-3.
- 11. What will be the condition of the animals during this time? Isaiah 65:25; 11:4-9.
- 12. What happens to the devil when the reign of Jesus comes to a close? Revelation 20:7.
- What will he immediately do? Revelation 20:8,9.

Note: We see that as soon as the devil is loosed out of his prison that he commences his

NOT HEARERS ONLY, BUT DOERS

Scripture reading: Matthew 7:17-29; James 2:14-26. Memory verse: James 2: 18.

- 1. In what way did Abraham become the friend of God? James 2:23.
- 2. In what way did Abraham show faith in God and become a doer? Genesis 26:5.
- 3. How did God regard Abraham offering his son Isaac? James 2:21.
- 4. What must we do in order to be regarded the just in the sight of God, and be blessed? Luke 11:28.
- 5. Who are the people who are regarded the just in the sight of God? Romans 2:13.
- 6. What must we do in order to eat of the good of the land? Isaiah 1:19, 20.
- 7. Who are the ones who will be able to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven? Matthew 7:21.
- 8. In what way did Christ say that we were to prove our love for Him? John 14:15.
- 9. In what condition is the person who has faith without works? James 2;26.
- 10. In order to have Christ in us, what should we do? 2 John 1:6.

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eating of the Passover Lamb was now forever in the past. The O.T. Passover had become history; Jesus was introducing the Lord's Supper.

- 8. After partaking of the unleavened bread, what did Jesus do? Luke 22:20; Matthew 26:27.
- 9. What did Jesus say that the drink which was in the cup represented? Matthew 26:28; Luke 22:20. Compare with John 6:53, 54.
- 10. What did the cup which Jesus gave to His disciples contain? Mark 14:25; Matthew 26:29.

Note: The Gospels of Mark, Luke and John, tell us that the cup which Jesus blessed contained the fruit of the vine. This was the pure blood of the grape, which represents the precious Blood of Jesus. See Deuteronomy 32:14, last part.

- Is it a scriptural term to use the word Communion when referring to the Lord's Supper? 1 Corinthians 10:16.
- 12. Was Judas present and did he partake of the Lord's Supper? Luke 22:21; John 13:18.
- 13. What must each soul do before partaking of the Lord's Supper? If we fail, what will be the sad consequences? 1 Corinthians 11:27-30.

- 11. Is it possible to have God in our hearts if we do not follow the teachings of Christ His Son? 2 John 1:9.
- Unto what is a man likened who heareth Christ's sayings and doeth them? Matthew 7:24, 25.

Note: In order to do the will of our Father in Heaven, we must accept Christ, be born born again, and keep the commandments of God, this is the wisdom of God, thereby showing our love to God.

Lesson for May 9, 2020

THE FORMER RAIN

Scripture Reading: Joel 2:12-32 Memory Verse: Joel 2:23

- 1. Through what natural source does our Heavenly Father cause the land to prosper? Lev. 26:4,5
- 2. What does He call the source of this natural blessing? Deut 28:12, Malachi 3:10 last part
- 3. What was Israel required to do when the time for rain came? Zech: 10:1,
- 4. What was the condition of the land when good Lord withheld the rain? Joel 1:12, 17, 18
- 5. Under what conditions was Israel made glad again? Joel 2:23, 24

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4. What sound counsel must every Christian have and heed? Luke 21:34-36.

- 5. Through what medium does one have faith in God? Romans 10:17.
- How will one achieve this condition, especially in this time of the end? Hebrews 10:25; 3:13, 14.
- 7. What is the reward of those who adhere to the above commandments? Malachi 3:16, 17.
- What should be the daily duties of good shepherds and teachers in the Church? Isaiah 62:6, 7, 10; 58:1; Micah 3:8.
- 9. What should be the degree of our light to the world? Isaiah 60:1; Matthew 5:14-16.
- 10. What does the apostle Paul have to say in Romans 13:11-14?
- 11. What world-wide warning message must true Christians proclaim to the world prior to the second advent of Jesus? Revelation 14:9.
- 12. To what counsel must Christians not fail to pay heed? Mark 13:33-36.

Lesson for June 6, 2020

THE GOSPEL COMMISSION

Scripture reading: 1 Cor. 1st Chapter. Memory verse: 1 Cor. 1:1.

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Lesson for April 11, 2020.

THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:1-20. Memory Verse: Matthew 16:17.

- 1. Which two classes came to Jesus? What was their purpose in asking for a sign? Matthew 16:1.
- 2. What was the answer Jesus gave? What may we learn from the way He answered? Matthew 16:2, 3.
- 3. In what words did Jesus expose the condition of their hearts? What was the only sign they could expect? Matthew 16:4.

Note: The signs and wonders that our Savior did, did not appeal to their carnal mind. They wanted something spectacular, something to exhibit the natural man. Jesus could not satisfy them in this, but pointed them to the sign of Jonah [also in Matthew 12:40.]

- 4. What did the disciples discover at this time? Matthew 16:5.
- 5. What warning did the Lord give them? Matthew 16:6.

Note: There are many different opinions as to where this sea of glass is, that is a place of refuge, where the plagues are not going to fall.

- 10. When the angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters, what did the angel of waters say? Rev. 16:5-7
- 11. When the last plague fall what will one class of the people of the earth do? Rev 16:21.
- 12. How were the events that happened to the children of Israel associated with that will take place in the end of this age?
- 13. 1 Cor. 10:5,11
- 14. Before the Israelites left Egypt, were they given favor in the eyes of the Egyptians and for what purpose? Ex.12: 36

Lesson for June 27, 2020.

THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF JESUS

Scripture Reading; Isaiah 65:18-25. Memory Verse: Revelation 20:6.

1. What did the prophet Isaiah say about the reign of Jesus? Isaiah 9:6,7.

- On what condition has the Lord promised to grant our petition? John 15:7; 1 John 3:22; 5:14, 15.
- Why does it sometimes seem that the Lord does not heed to our prayers? Proverbs 28:9; James 1:6.
- 11. What wonderful encouragement is given unto those who pray when in trouble? Psalms 46:1, 2; 107:6.

Note. Let us keep our needs, our joys, our sorrows, our cares before Him. We cannot weary the Lord. He who numbers the very hair of our head is not indifferent to the needs of His children.

12. Do our prayers really ascend to the Lord in Heaven? Revelation 8:3; 5:8.

Lesson for May 30, 2020

CHRISTIANS' DUTIES NOW, IN THE TIME OF THE END

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6. Memory Verse: I Peter 5:8.

- 1. What wretched conditions forecasted by the apostle Paul will be prevalent in the human family in this time of the end? 2 Timothy 3:1-7.
- 2. In this perilous time we are in, what must every Christian put on and why? Ephesians 6:11, 12; 1 Peter 5:8.
- 3. What is this armour of God? Ephesians 6:13-18.

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4. What is the nature of each plague? Rev.16:3-14.

Note: The place called "Armageddon" is in the valley of Jezreel, about fifty miles North West of Jerusalem.

- 5. Who wins in this battle and how? Rev 16:17-21
- 6. What is the general condition of the people of the whole earth when these judgments commence? Isa. 42:4,5;26:21;Matt. 24:37-39

Note: We are told that in the days of Noah, wickedness was great on the earth and that "every imagination of the thoughts of men's heart's was only evil continually-." Gen 6:5

- 7. Will the righteous people suffer from these plagues, Psalms 91:3-11
- 8. Did the plagues which fall upon Egypt fall upon the Israelites? Ex. 8:22; 9:6, 26; 10:23; 11:7.

Note. The cause of these plagues upon Egypt was their treatment of Israel, and because Pharaoh would not let the people go.

9. Where did John see those that had gotten the victory over the beast and over his name? Rev. 15:2, 3

Under this rain what would be restored? Verses 25 - 27

Note: It's evident from the foregoing and other practical experiences that without rain there will be no vegetation; the natural outcome would be starvation for both man and beast. The same is true with us without the Holy Spirit.

7. What does the Heavenly Father use the natural rain to symbolize? Hosea 6:1-3

Note: Here the good Lord designates the spiritual blessings as the former and the later rain.

- 8. What other promise was made under this figure? Joel 2:28-29
- 9. When was this symbolic promise fulfilled? Acts 2:1-4.
- 10. How do we know that our interpretation is correct? Verses 14-17
- 11. What reason did Peter give why Christ gave this manifestation? Verses 32, 33.
- 12. How did this sermon affect them? What was their request? Verses 37.

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- 6. How did the disciples interpret this warning? Matthew 16:7.
- 7. In upbraiding them for their lack of faith, of what did He remind them? Matthew 16:8-11.
- 8. After Jesus spoke, what did the disciples then realize? Matthew 16:12.
- 9. What potent question did Jesus ask His disciples at Philippi? Matthew 16:13.
- 10. How many replies did He get? What were they? Matthew 16:14.
- 11. What direct answer did He demand of them? Matthew 16:15.
- 12. What affirmation did Peter give? Matthew 16:16.
- 13. How did the Savior regard this answer? Who was the author of this revelation? Matthew 16:17.
- 14. On the basis of this revelation [and Peter's confession], what did Jesus say to Peter? What guarantee did He give him? Matthew 16:18.
- 15. Great consolation was given to us in the spiritual representation of the Kingdom Keys. How effective would be the use of these keys? Matthew 16:19.

THE IMPORTANCE OF DAILY PRAYER

Scripture reading: Luke 18:1-27.

Memory verse: Luke 18:7.

- 1. Is it the desire of the Lord that people everywhere call upon Him in prayer? 1Timothy 2:8.
- 2. What is the promise for those who seek Him for the things they need? Matthew 7:8.
- How does Christ Jesus illustrate the Heavenly Father's willingness to grant favors to those who ask? Luke 11:9-13.
- 4. Should the Lord's people seek for temporal or for spiritual help? Matthew 6:31-33.
- 5. From what source do all things come? James 1:17.
- In order to receive spiritual blessings from above, what are we instructed to do? James 4:8.
- 7. Will long, loud and proclaiming prayers guarantee Heaven's notice? Matthew 6:7, 8.

Note: It is "the fervent effectual prayer" that counts. James 5:16. Ye are to pray "in faith believing" and the believing part is most effective.

- 8. What is said about praying with understanding and what should always be mixed with our prayers? 1 Corinthians 14:15; Philippians 4:6.
- 9. In order for us to pray and receive forgiveness for our trespasses, what must we first do? Mark 11:24-26.
- 10. How did Daniel pray? What about Cornelius and the Apostles? Daniel 6:10; Acts 10:2-4; 12:12.

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Lesson for April 18, 2020

THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5th chapter. Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:19.

- 1. By whom are we reconciled? 2 Corinthians 5:18.
- 2. What is committed unto us? 2 Corinthians 5:19.
- 3. What makes reconciliation possible? Acts 2:38.

Note: Many find it hard to live the Christ-life. The reason is, though they have been reconciled and have their sins forgiven, their minds are not wholly transformed to things spiritual. Love for the world's fads and fashions still have a hold on them.

- 4. What are the ministers of Christ called in 2 Corinthians 5:20?
- 5. What is the gift of God? Romans 6:23 (last part).
- 6. What must we do after we are reconciled to God? Romans 12:1.
- 7. Unto what should we not conform? Verse 2 (first part).
- 8. Unto what should we be transformed? Verse 2 (last part).

POWER OF HEAVEN OBTAINED BY PRAYER

Scripture reading: Matthew 6:1-19. Memory verse: Luke 11:13.

- 1. How does the Psalmist address the Heavenly Father? Psalms 65:2.
- 2. What is prayer? Psalms 142:1.
- 3. Where do we gain the greatest victories? Genesis 32:28; Hosea 12:4.
- 4. What instruction is given regarding prayer? Luke 21:36; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Colossians 4:2.
- 5. Why should we be diligent in prayer? 1 Peter 5:8.

Note: The darkness of the evil one encloses those who neglect to pray. The whispers of the enemy entice them to sin; it is all because they do not use the privilege given them in the divine appointment of prayer.

6. What example did Jesus give concerning prayer? Mark 1:35; Luke 22:44; Hebrews 5:7.

Note: Jesus, God's only begotten Son, found comfort in communion with the Heavenly Father. He knew the value and need of prayer. How much more we need this help. For without Him we can do nothing.

- 7. Was Jesus sure that the Heavenly Father always heard His prayer? John 11:41-42.
- 8. Must we have the same assurance? Matthew 6:7, 8; James 5:17, 18.

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Land, which gives us the setting for the prophesied coming of the Messiah as King.

Lesson for June 20, 2020.

HEAVEN'S PENDING JUDGEMENT

Scripture Reading: Revelation 15th Chapter Memory Verse: Revelation 15:2

- 1. By whom does this wrath to be poured upon the earth? Rev. 15:1;16:1.
- Before this judgment is poured upon the wicked, what worldwide message goes forth? Rev. 14:9,10

Note: The heavenly Father has always warned people before bringing judgment upon them. It is His loving desire that people live happily and in obedience to His will. He warned Sodom and Gomorrah, before they were overthrown; He warned Tyre and Sidon; He warned Nineveh and Babylon.

3. What did the voice out of the temple in heaven say to the seven angels, and upon whom do the plagues fall? Rev. 16:1,2.