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INTRODUCTION

The HIGHWAY OF LIFE lessons are arranged to give you a very interesting survey of the Bible as a whole, and at the same time to make clear the distinctions necessary to understand the Word of God. To help you keep in mind the main points, you especially need to study the Bible verses which appear throughout the lessons. Therefore, it will be necessary to use a complete English Bible for studying this course.

Study the chart carefully

In the beginning of this book you will find the chart related to the HIGHWAY OF LIFE.

The HIGHWAY OF LIFE names that main road which all people travel who are born into this world. As individuals go through life, some take the faith road of eternal life; others take the wrong faith road or go on in unbelief and remain spiritually dead. All people go along side by side in this physical life, therefore just one main highway is pictured. The chart begins with man's entrance upon the earth, and ends with the close of the 1,000 year reign of Christ on the earth. Moving through the lessons, you will become like a traveler, beginning at the garden of Eden and traveling on to the everlasting kingdom.

Study the Bible passages well

Many Scripture references are given to show you that everything presented is based upon the Word of God. Open your Bible as you study each lesson. Look up every Scripture reference and read thoroughly. To find a reference in the Bible, John 3:16 means: the book of John, chapter 3, verse 16.

A memory verse is given with each lesson. Memorize the most important words of these verses because you will find them a valuable aid to knowing the Word of God and presenting it to others.

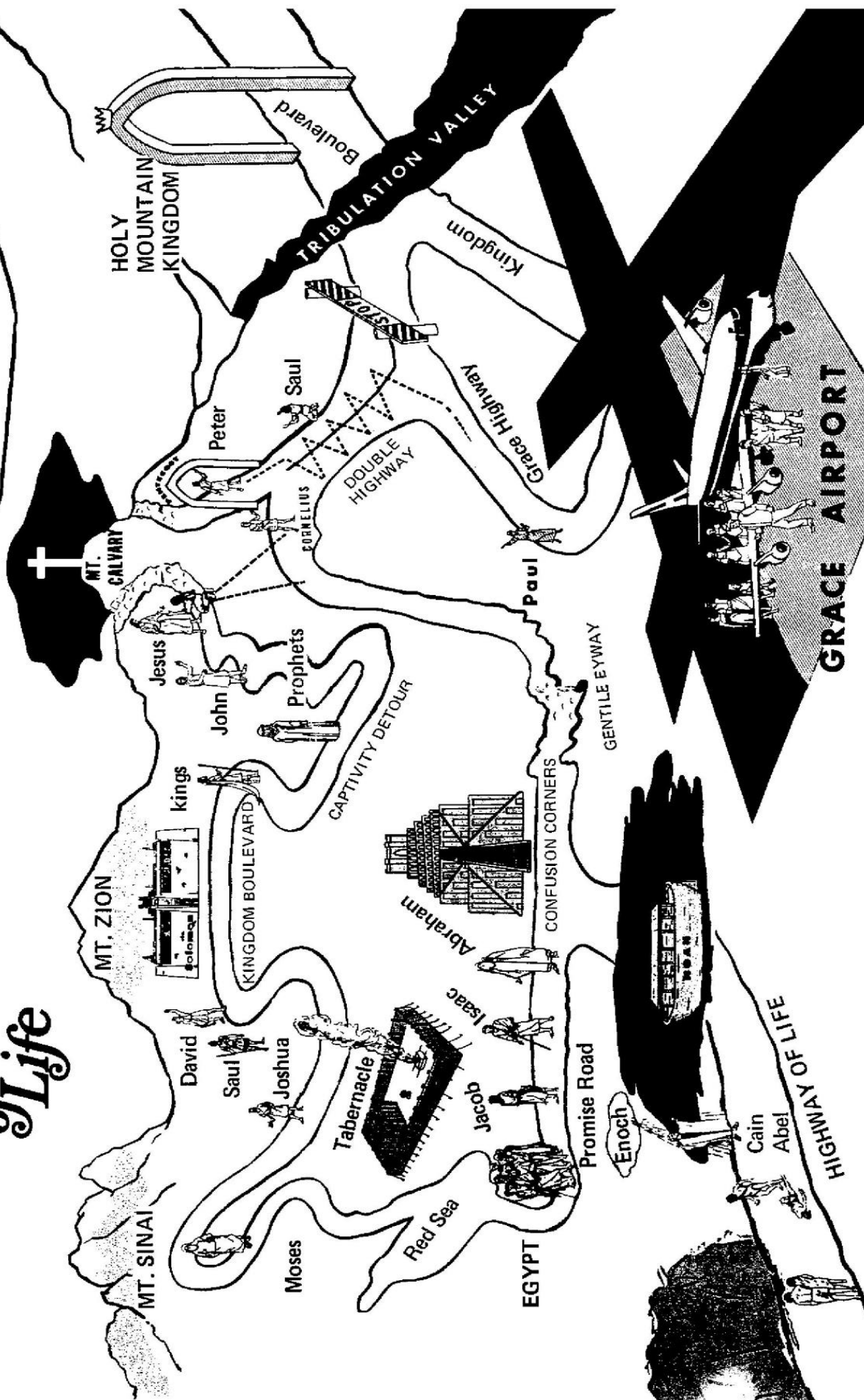
How to study?

The course has 25 bible lessons. Each lesson has a worksheet with questions for you to answer after you have studied the lesson. Send us your worksheet(s) if you want. We will check the answers. This might take time, so please continue with the next lesson.

Before starting each lesson, pray to God to enlighten your heart and mind that you may understand the truths to be studied.

Tell your family and friends about this basic bible course.

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LESSON 1 - THE FIRST TRAVELERS

Genesis 1-3

THEME: To introduce the main idea of this series of lessons.
To show that Christ alone gives a covering for sin.

Today we begin a journey. Let us pretend we are travelers traveling the long, long road which we call *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*. It is the road which begins in the garden of Eden where the life of mankind began on this earth. It ends with the kingdom of God on this earth.

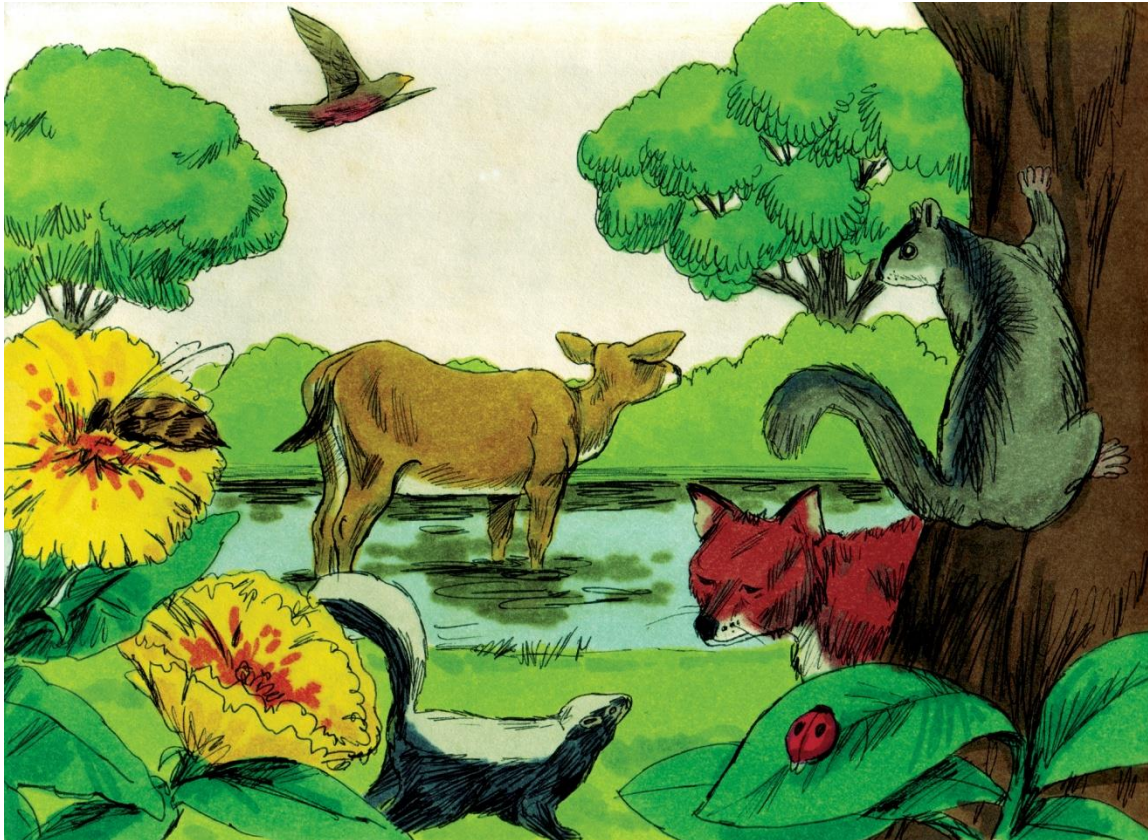
Those who journey need a road map or guidebook. God has given us His Word, the Bible, for that very purpose. Psalms 119:105. We need God's guidebook and we will use it all along the way. We will meet many other travelers as we move along *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*. We will find many travelers who are going their own way, but all will travel side by side until judgment comes. The Bible tells us: "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." Proverbs 14:12. All who travel this highway must choose which way they will go.

Those who travel must also know the rules of the road. We will find that God's travel laws have been different at some times and places from what they were at other times and places. In the age in which we live now, the laws are very different from what they were in the days of Adam and Eve, the first people. Obedience to the travel laws on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE* means the difference between life and death.

The time in which we live today is represented on the chart as GRACE AIRPORT. You will learn why it is called GRACE AIRPORT as we travel along.

We will roll back the time about 6000 years to begin our journey in the beautiful garden of Eden. Here we see Adam and Eve. If we look in our guidebook, the Bible, we can read the story of what happened to the first travelers on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*.

To Adam and Eve were given special travel laws. We read about them in Genesis 2:16-17. Especially they were told not to eat of one particular tree in the garden called *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*. All was perfect until the day the tempter, the enemy of God and man, spoke to Eve. He questioned God's Word, he lied and Eve believed him instead of God. Eve looked, took, ate of the fruit of the forbidden tree, and gave to Adam who ate also. Then their eyes opened to see sin, whereas before they were innocent. They now saw themselves guilty and naked before God and they greatly feared. They had chosen the way of death. "The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23.



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Death means *separation from God*, not only in this life but for all eternity. Adam and Eve tried cover their sin and nakedness by the work of their hands: they sewed fig leaves together to make a covering.

Then, as they were trying to hide from God among the trees, God came seeking them. He came because He loved them and because He must pronounce judgment upon their sin. God put a curse upon the serpent, the woman, the man, and upon the earth. What were these curses? Genesis 3:14-19 tells us which judgment God gave to each one. God cursed the earth *for Adam's sake*.

Along with the curses the God of grace, love and mercy also gave the promise of a great Conqueror who would one day come to conquer sin and death and bruise the serpent's head. Genesis 3:15. In 1 Corinthians 15:45 this conqueror is called *the last Adam*. He is the Lord Jesus Christ, who by His death on the cross of Calvary, conquered sin and death and thus defeated the devil.

God killed an animal in the garden, its blood was shed, the innocent animal died, and its skins were given to Adam and Eve to cover their shame and nakedness. Only God could provide such a covering, a covering for their sin, and it is a type or shadow of the Lord Jesus Christ, who not only covered the sin of man but put it out of the way by His death on the cross.

The story of the First Travelers is the story of the first sinners. The first Adam sinned and all who have been born from Adam into this world have been born sinners and have committed sin. They have all followed the leader, Romans 5:12-14. "The wages of sin is death." Therefore all are going to die, all those who live in this dispensation of Grace as well as all those of other dispensations. Note that a dispensation is not a period of time but the act of dealing out or that which is dealt out. "The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." The works of Adam and Eve were not acceptable to God and neither are the works of man today. Just as the animal skins provided a physical covering for Adam and Eve, so Christ provides the necessary covering of righteousness to all who trust Him as his/her personal Saviour.

Which choice have you made? Are you on the way which *seems right* and is the way of death? Or do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour from eternal death and are you on the way of eternal life?

MEMORY VERSE: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

LESSON 1 – WORK SHEET

1. Where does *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE* start on this earth? Genesis 2:8

2. Where does *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE* end on this earth? Revelation 21:1

3. Write Proverbs 14:12

4. What were the travel laws in the Garden of Eden? Genesis 2:15-17

a)

b)

c)

5. What punishment did God pronounce upon the serpent? Genesis 3:14-15

6. Upon Eve? Genesis 3:16

7. Upon Adam? Genesis 3:17-19

8. Write the first Bible prophecy about the Lord Jesus Christ: Genesis 3:15

9. We are like Adam and Eve in three ways. Look up the Scripture verses and fill in the spaces.

a) Romans 3:23 – We all have

b) Romans 5:12 – We all are going to

c) Romans 6:23 – We can all have

_____ in Jesus Christ our Lord.

10. Write Romans 6:23

LESSON 2 – THE FIRST CHILDREN ON THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE

Genesis 4:1-16

THEME: To show that without faith it is impossible to please God.

Can you guess what is the most wonderful gift that God can give to a home? No, not a new house...nor a vehicle...but a baby! No one but God can make this wonderful gift and only He can give it.

As we travel along *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE* we will see many babies, but in this lesson we are going to think about the very first children born into this world. You see, Adam and Eve never were babies because God created them as man and woman.

After Adam and Even had sinned, they were driven out from the Garden of Eden where God had placed them. They had to begin a new life. Genesis 3:23-24. One day there came into the new home God's most wonderful gift: a baby. Eve said, "I have gotten a man child with the help of the Lord." Genesis 4:1. Perhaps she thought the baby was the One promised in Genesis 3:15, the One who was to conquer satan. The first son was named Cain.

Afterwards another boy was born and this one was being called Abel. Now there are two children on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*.

Do you remember the verse from the Lesson 1: "There is a way that seems right to a man..."? Which way do you think these two boys will choose? Adam and Eve showed their sons the way of the blood sacrifice by which faith /obedience to God was proved. No new laws were placed upon these boys as there had been upon Adam and Eve. The only requirement was that they worship God in the way He had appointed.

Abel became a shepherd, a keeper of sheep, while Cain became a farmer, a tiller of the soil. The time came when each boy became old enough to make his own choice of the way in which he would go. This time comes to each of us. Our parents cannot make this choice for us as much as they might like to.

Cain probably thought, "See this beautiful fruit from the ground. I have worked hard to cultivate this and surely God will be pleased with my offering." He placed fruit of the ground on an altar. Was God pleased with the works of the hands of Adam and Eve? No, not with their fig leaf covering. Such offerings the Bible calls *works*.



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Abel, on the other hand, took one of his lambs, killed it and placed it upon the altar as an offering to God. He had brought a blood sacrifice as God had shown with Adam and Eve.

Were Cain and Abel sinners? Yes. They were born as sinner and they were still sinners. Then what happened? God accepted Abel's offering but He did not accept the offering of Cain. Cain became very angry and killed his brother Abel. Was God pleased with this first murder in the world? No. God punished Cain by sending him away from his home to wander in other lands because of this wicked thing he had done. Genesis 4:6-16. These two boys were brought up in the same home and were taught the same truths. The difference was that Abel believed, had faith in what he was taught, while Cain did not have faith in what he was taught. Their actions showed what was in their hearts.

Unbelief is a terrible thing. It led to anger, deceit, murder, lying and finally to the terrible punishment of separation. Genesis 4:8-12. Belief/faith brought peace and **righteousness to Abel; and God says that though Abel is dead, he still speaks. Hebrews 11:4.**

God also says:

"Without faith it is impossible to please God."

Whether we live here in the dispensation of Grace on the chart, or in any other dispensation, *FAITH* is necessary in order to be accepted by God. God saw Abel's sacrifice, and through that shed blood He saw the Lord Jesus Christ, the true Lamb chosen before the foundation of the world. 1 Peter 1:19-20. Today we do not show our faith by bringing a lamb to an altar; instead we come to the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ and trust Him as our Saviour.

Once again we have seen the truth of the verse: "There is a way that seems right..." One son took the right way and one took the wrong way on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*. The Bible says that many went in Cain's way. Jude 11. They are the ones who are departing from God. They are the ones depending upon their own works to save them. But nothing we do with our hands or our bodies can bring salvation to us.

Today if we want to prove our faith, we come to the Lord Jesus and tell Him: I believe You died for my sins, were buried and rose on the third day. I thank you for the sacrifice and I believe that You give me Your wonderful righteousness because You have promised.

MEMORY VERSE: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those that seek Him."
Hebrews 11:6

LESSON 2 – WORK SHEET

1. Write the names of the first two children on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*.
Genesis 4:1-2 _____ and _____.
2. What kind of work did Abel do? Genesis 4:2
_____.
3. What kind of work did Cain do? Genesis 4:2
_____.
4. Why was God not pleased with the offering Cain brought? Hebrews 11:6
_____.
5. Why was God pleased with the offering Abel brought? Hebrews 11:4
_____.
6. Why was Abel's offering better than Cain's one? Hebrews 9:22
_____.
7. Abel proved his faith by the offering which he brought and he obtained witness from God that he was _____ Hebrews 11:4.
8. Abel's offering was an example of the _____ John 1:29.
9. Today we receive righteousness by believing _____ 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.
10. Write Hebrews 11:6:

LESSON 3 - THE FIRST PILOT

Genesis 5:1-32

THEME: **To warn the unsaved.**
 To prepare the believers for their catching up to heaven.

What is your favorite way of travel? Many people use aircrafts, but how would you like to travel in the air without getting into an aircraft? Just go up? There was a man in the book of Genesis who was traveling on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE* and who travelled up in the air without using an airplane.

After Cain killed Abel, God gave another son to Eve and she called his name Seth. God promised a Redeemer and wanted a godly line of men through which He would be born. But as the years went by, the people multiplied on the earth and wickedness increased continually. Each person had to make a choice of the way he would go. Most chose the way that *seemed right*, but a few chose the way of faith.

The people lived many years. We read some of the ages of those in the generations of Seth. Genesis 5:6-32. The oldest was Methuselah who lived to be 969 years old. Genesis 5:27. Methuselah was the son of Enoch whom we call 'the first pilot'.

Did you notice as you read this bible portion that the history of each man except one ended with the three words: "and he died"? Why? Because the wages of sin is death. Does it make us happy to see funerals pass by? In this lesson we will learn there is a way of overcoming the fear of death, and it is possible that some of us may *never* die physically!

Enoch walked with God. Genesis 5:24. Enoch had fellowship with God which means he walked by faith. It also means that Enoch must have brought the right sacrifice. Two people cannot walk together unless they agree. Amos 3:3. Thus the faith of Enoch must have been well-pleasing to God.

Enoch was always preaching or witnessing. Jude 14-15. The people had become very ungodly. They were walking in their own ways, speaking great words of admiration of men and complaining about God. Enoch warned them that the LORD was coming one day, but they only mocked.

One day as Enoch was at the age of 365 years, he disappeared! By faith he was *taken*. Hebrews 11:5,6.



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We do not understand how Enoch could be *taken* by God. However the wonderful thing about this event is that it makes us very sure of what is going to happen to the believers over in GRACE AIRPORT one day. God revealed a secret to the apostle Paul when He told him that one day the Lord Jesus Christ will come down from heaven with the trumpet call of God. And the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Those who are alive at that exact time will be *caught up* with them to meet the Lord in the air. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17. This is often called The Rapture, which means *the catching up to heaven* by God of the believers in God's Church, the Body of Christ. The believers in this Church are pictured on the chart by SALVATION LINER.

Paul calls this great event: our blessed hope. Titus 2:13. There is no need to fear death when we have this hope. Some say: "I am waiting for the Lord to come," and how true this is. There is no need to mourn for one who dies (if he was truly saved) because we know that we will be caught up together with all those who died in Jesus. It is such a comfort to know this. God wants us to be witnessing as we wait for *The Rapture / catching up*. He wants us to warn everyone of the wages of sin and to tell them of eternal life in Christ.

After the believers are caught up out of this world, then a terrible time of judgment will come. How sad it will be if you are taken up but your father or mother is left behind. Have you faithfully told them about Jesus Christ dying for their sins? How ashamed you will be if you are doing something displeasing to God when Christ comes to catch you up. The best way is to live a clean, pure life at all times.

In Lesson 4 we will learn about the great judgment which came upon the world after Enoch was caught up. Are you sure you are safely aboard SALVATION LINER waiting for Jesus to return and catch us up to be with Him?

MEMORY VERSE: “Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.”
1 Thessalonians 4:17

LESSON 3 – WORK SHEET

Draw a line under the correct word or phrase to complete the statements:

1. Adam lived (100 years / 530 years / 930 years). Genesis 5:5.
2. Methuselah lived (559 years / 969 years / 150 years). Genesis 5:27.
3. The father of Methuselah was (Noah / Enoch / Moses). Genesis 5:21.
4. Enoch walked with God and one day (he died and was taken / he was taken without dying). Hebrews 11:5.
5. Paul told the Thessalonian believers (everybody will die / some will not die). 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.
6. Paul called this event (a fearful thing / a blessed hope). Titus 2:23.
7. We can be sure we will be caught up to be with the Lord when He comes (if we pray every day / if we do good works / if we believe that Jesus died and rose again). 1 Thessalonians 4:14.
8. We will meet the Lord (on the earth / on a mountain / in the air). 1 Thessalonians 4:17.
9. Make two lists below: one list of the things you want to be doing when Jesus comes, and the other list of things you do not want to be doing when Jesus comes.

I want to be doing:

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____

I do not want to be doing:

10. Write 1 Thessalonians 4:17 _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

LESSON 4 - THE GREAT FLOOD ON THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE

Genesis 6-8

THEME: To show the security of believers in Christ.

Have you ever experienced a flood? A flood can be caused by heavy rains, tropical cyclones, tsunamis, dam breakage, etc. When we hear of a flood, we know it is a terrible time for those people who must endure it. In this lesson we are coming to the great flood over *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*.

After Enoch was caught up the people became more and more wicked. Satan was busy leading men in his way and trying to keep God from bringing forth the Redeemer promised in Genesis 3:15. There was only evil continually.

God declared: "I will blot out man whom I have created..." Genesis 6:7.

The Bible says that in the midst of all the sin there was one man who walked with God. His name is Noah. He walked in the way of faith and found favor in the eyes of God. Genesis 6:8. Noah is a righteous man and God tells him to make an ark which is a very large boat.

God said: "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish." Genesis 6:14-17.

Assuming the cubit to be 1.5 feet, the ark would be 450 feet (137,16 m.) long, 75 feet (22,86 m.) wide, and 45 feet (13,72 m.) high. Note that this is exactly three times the length of the tabernacle's outer court, the width of the tabernacle's outer court and three times the height of the tabernacle itself.

Noah obeys God even though he has never seen rain or flood. According to Genesis 2:6, only a mist was used to water the earth until this time. Now Noah starts building the ark and warned the world of God's righteous judgment. 2 Peter 2:5.

When the ark is finished God says to Noah: "Enter the ark, you and all your household, for you *alone* I have seen *to be* righteous before Me in this time." Then the Lord shuts them in. Genesis 7:16. The one door is closed with Noah and his family safely inside. Now comes the great flood. Genesis 7:17-24. God does not forget Noah. Genesis 8:1-14.

Everyone outside the ark perishes. Only those inside the ark are safe. The ark floats safely on top of the flood waters. The rains continue 40 days and 40 nights but still the ark is safe.



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About a year after God had said, “Enter the ark”, He now says, “Go out of the ark.” What does Noah do as soon as they are outside the ark, on dry land? He builds an altar and worships God. Genesis 8:20. At this time God makes the rainbow as a sign that He will not destroy the world again with a great flood. Genesis 9:9-17. We may have floods in many countries in the world today, but never again will God cover the entire earth with a destroying great flood as He did in the days of Noah.

Noah and the ark show us the spiritual meanings of *SAVED* & *LOST*:

1. Outside the ark Noah would have been lost. Inside the ark he was saved.
2. The ark was made of gopher wood and covered with pitch to seal it. The pitch kept out the waters and kept Noah safe. It is a beautiful picture or type of the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Trees gave life to make the ark. Christ gave His body by death in order to save us from the judgment of sin.
4. There was only one door in the side of the ark, and all had to enter through that door to be saved. And so it is now. There is only eternal life for those who know Jesus Christ as their personal Redeemer from eternal death.
5. As Noah had faith in God's Word and built an ark, so we should have faith in God's Word and trust in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ to be saved from God's judgment.

We have learned about the great flood which took away all the unrighteous people in judgment. God's book, the Bible, says there is another judgment coming on the earth. Are you safe in Christ today? Jesus Christ asks us to trust Him, He will keep you safe. He loves you and died for your sins.

Jesus Christ is the Ark and He is also the Door. He says: "I am the Door, by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." John 10:9. Will you trust Him today as your Saviour from eternal death?

MEMORY VERSE: "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." John 10:9.

LESSON 4 – WORK SHEET

Fill in the spaces in the following statements:

1. God saw that the _____ of man was great. Genesis 6:5.
2. God said, “I will _____ whom I have created.” Genesis 6:7.
3. But Noah found _____ in the eyes of the Lord. Genesis 6:8.
4. Noah was a _____ man, _____ in his time. Genesis 6:9.
5. God told Noah to make _____ of gopher wood. Genesis 6:14.
6. God told Noah to bring clean animals by _____ of every kind, and to bring unclean animals by _____ of every kind, male and female. Genesis 7:2-3.
7. When Noah and his family were safely in the ark, the Lord _____.
_____ Genesis 7:16.
8. After the great flood Noah built _____ and offered _____.
_____ Genesis 8:20.
9. Judgment for sin is coming upon our world one day, but we need not fear if our life is _____. Colossians 3:3.
10. The ark had only one door by which Noah and his family could enter into safety. There is only one door by which we may enter into safety from God’s judgment. The Lord Jesus Christ is that Door.

Draw a picture of the ark with the right dimensions, and write John 10:9 beside it.

LESSON 5 - THE HIGHWAY DIVIDES AT CONFUSION CORNERS

Genesis 11

THEME: To show the importance of walking in the light and restoration of fellowship with one another.

Which do you like better: night or day? Why do most of us like daytime the best? We like to see where we are going, what we are doing, what others are doing. You who like night better, would you still like it better if there were no moon or stars? No, there would be no beauty to the night, were it not for the lights in the heavens, and there would be no beauty to the day without the sun.

The Bible says that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5. Light always speaks to us of God and righteousness, while darkness speaks of Satan and evil. God wants His children to walk in His light.

Now we will study whether God's children walked in light or darkness after the great flood. The great flood had destroyed all the unrighteous people so God started with Noah again and gave him some new travel laws. Genesis 9:1-19. Noah was told to be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. Genesis 9:1,7. He had meat added to his diet, whereas before it had been only fruit and vegetables. Genesis 9:3. The punishment for murder was to be death. Genesis 9:6.

Then God established a covenant with Noah that all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth. And God gave the rainbow as the sign of the covenant. Noah and his sons Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with their wives, continued on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*. Noah's family multiplied very rapidly. Everyone spoke one language. Genesis 11:1.

As they journeyed from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar. They said, "Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly. Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." Genesis 11:3,4.

When the Lord came down to see the tower and the city, He was greatly displeased because Noah's family was not filling the earth as commanded in Genesis 9:1. He said: "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech." Genesis 11:5-7.



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The Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city. The place was called Babel. This name is attributed to the verb *balal*, which means to confuse or confound in Hebrew. Genesis 11:9. On our chart we call this intersection **CONFUSION CORNERS**.

This language confusion happened about 100 years after the great flood. We know this because Shem became the father of Arphadax 2 years after the flood (Genesis 11:10); Arphadax became the father of Salah 37 years after the flood (Genesis 11:12); Salah became the father of Eber 67 years after the flood (Genesis 11:14) and Eber became the father of Peleg (which means *split* in Hebrew) 101 years after the flood (Genesis 11:16). This is being confirmed by Genesis 10:25 where we learn that in the days of Peleg the earth was divided.

What would God do now? Mankind had been given another opportunity but had failed again, so God gave them up to their sin and wickedness. Romans 1:24-28. The people, called nations or *gentiles (non-Jews)*, all went off in the direction of the **GENTILE BYWAY** on the chart. The whole human race had chosen the way which was right in their own eyes, but which proved to be the way of eternal death.

Why was this the way of eternal death? Because men had disobeyed God's way of faith. When they said, "Let us make bricks and build a tower," they undertook to do a work for their own glory and not for the glory of God. Many people today are building towers with the stones of *good works* and depending on those works to take them to heaven. God is only pleased with works of faith.

When they said in Genesis 11:4, "Let us make for ourselves a name," they showed that they did not want honour brought to the name of God. When men worship themselves it brings confusion and it breaks the unity of the Holy Spirit. When they said, "...lest we be scattered," they rebelled against the command of God to fill the earth. Disobedience brings confusion and judgment to mankind.

In our next journey we will take the turn to the left at CONFUSION CORNERS and see how God called out one man to make a fresh start on PROMISE ROAD.

Have you been walking in the light? If you have never trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour from eternal death, trust Him now. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin. If you are a believer already, but you have fallen back, tell it to the Lord in prayer. He has forgiven all sins (Colossians 2:13). So if you walk in the light, fellowship will be restored in order for you to be always a light in the darkness here on earth.

MEMORY VERSE: "but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."
1 John 1:7.

LESSON 5 – WORK SHEET

1. Write down 3 of the new travel laws God gave to Noah. Genesis 9:1-7.
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
2. Soon the earth was filled with people again. How many languages did they speak? Genesis 11:1. _____
3. What did Noah's family do when they found the plain in the land of Shinar? Genesis 11:2-4. _____

4. What did God do when He came down to see the city and the tower? Genesis 11:5-8.

5. Why was God displeased when Noah's family said, "Let us build for ourselves a city and a tower?" Genesis 11:4. _____

6. They also said, "Let us make for ourselves _____" Genesis 11:4.
7. The name of the city Noah's people stopped building is called _____. This name is attributed to the verb *balal*, which means to confuse or confound in Hebrew. Genesis 11:9.
8. Noah's family was not walking in God's light and therefore could not have _____ with God or with one another. 1 John 1:7.
9. Read Romans 1:24 and write down what God did to the gentiles (non-Jews) after this great rebellion. _____
10. Write 1 John 1:7: _____

LESSON 6 – TRAVELING ON PROMISE ROAD

Genesis 12-22

THEME: To show the faithfulness of God and the reward of believing God's promises.

How will you answer this question: "Do you always keep the promises you make?" Probably you do not – but God *always* does. In fact, there is one thing He cannot do: He cannot lie. Titus 1:2. Thousands of years may pass before His promise is fulfilled, but if God promised, it will be brought to pass. Hebrews 6:13-18.

Do you remember that back at the beginning of *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE* God made a promise to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:15? He said that one day a great Conquerer would come to overcome satan. But now the human race has gone off into unrighteousness and there are no righteous people through whom God can work. It looks like satan has won the victory. But has he? By turning left at CONFUSION CORNERS on our chart, we can see what happened.

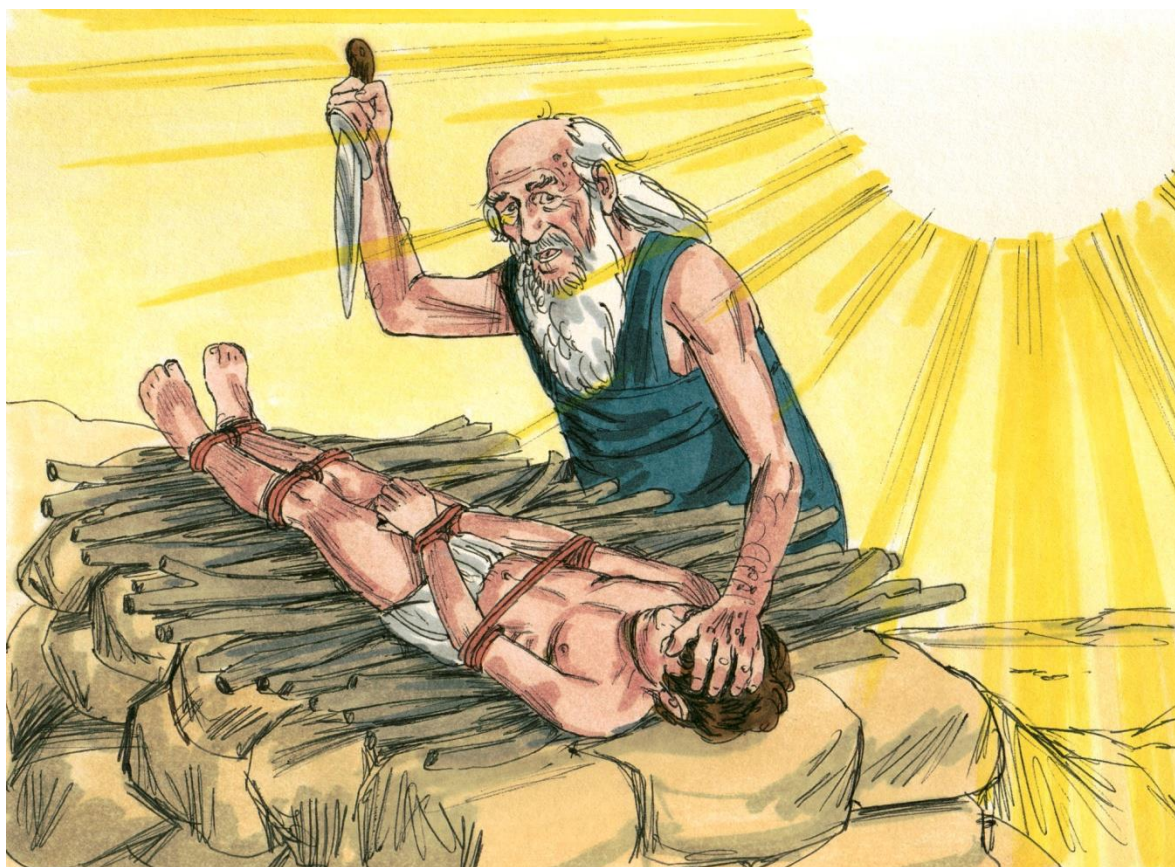
God looked out upon all the nations and chose one man ABRAM through whom to accomplish His purpose:

- a) Abram was a gentile, a non-Jew, when God spoke to him in Ur of the Chaldees (Acts 7:2-4) and in Haran (Genesis 12:1-3).
- b) Abram believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness. Genesis 15:6, Romans 4:3 and Romans 4:22.
- c) God promised a son to Abram. Genesis 15:2-6.

In obedience to God's call Abram traveled to the land of Canaan. Genesis 12:5. The years were passing and Abram's name was changed to Abraham in Genesis 17:4-5. And the name of Abraham's wife Sarai was changed to Sarah. Genesis 17:15. He and Sarah were growing old, so old that it was naturally impossible for them to have a child. But God did not forget His promise to Abraham. After many years of waiting, the promised son Isaac was born. God had waited to fulfill His promise so this child would be *a miracle child*. At the same time God was also testing Abraham's faith. Abraham passed the test. We read in Romans 4:20 that Abraham did not move from the promise of God.

Isaac grew to become a fine young man. Then came the day when God gave Abraham the greatest test of all. God wanted to find out whether Abraham loved God even more than his own son Isaac. Genesis 22:12.

God spoke to Abraham saying: "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you." Genesis 22:2. This was a difficult test, but the Bible tells us that Abraham remembered God's promise that He was going to bless the world through Abraham's seed. Abraham knew that God was able to raise up Isaac from the dead even if his life should be taken. Hebrews 11:17-19. Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. At that very moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said: "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." Genesis 22:10-12.



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Abraham looked and behind him was a ram caught in the bushes. He took it and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. Genesis 22:13. Abraham called the place Jehovah-jireh which means *The Lord will provide*.

Did that seem a terribly hard test which God gave Abraham? Yes, it was, but through it God shows us two beautiful truths:

- a) He gives us a picture of His own great love for us in giving His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our sins. The story of Isaac, is a picture of the submission of Christ's will. Isaac was submissive to his father's will as Abraham led him up the mountain to be laid upon the altar. Christ however, went all the way through death to pay the penalty for sin. He became the ram, the sin-offering to God.
- b) God proves to us His great faithfulness in keeping His promises. Abraham's test was given for our learning. Romans 4:13-25. We too, who work not, but believe in Him who justifies the ungodly, our faith is credited as righteousness. Romans 4:5. First we must believe that Christ died for our sins, was buried and was raised from the dead on the third day. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.

Abraham received great rewards and more promises after he passed this test. Genesis 22:15-18. Likewise we receive the promise of all things in Christ at the moment we trust Him and believe God. *God will provide*. Romans 8:28-39.

Let's follow the example of Abraham by not wavering in unbelief but by growing strong in faith, by giving glory to God and by being fully assured that what God has promised He is able also to perform. Next lesson we will attend a wedding on PROMISE ROAD.

MEMORY VERSE: "yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform." Romans 4:20-21.

LESSON 6 – WORK SHEET

1. Fill in the spaces to name these places on the chart:
 - a. _____ Road
 - b. _____ Byway
 - c. _____ Corners
 - GREAT FLOOD -
 - d. Garden of _____
 - e. _____ Liner
2. After the tower of Babel, God called _____ to begin a new plan. Genesis 12:1.
3. God promised 7 things to Abram. Read Genesis 12:1-3 and tell what they were.
 - a. I will make you into a great _____;
 - b. I will _____ you;
 - c. I will make your _____ great;
 - d. You will be a _____;
 - e. I will bless them that _____ you;
 - f. I will curse them that _____ you;
 - g. In you shall all the _____ of the _____ be blessed.
4. Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as _____. Genesis 15:6.
5. God told Abraham to offer his _____ as a burnt _____. Genesis 22:2.
6. Abraham believed that God was able to _____ up Isaac, even from the dead. Hebrews 11:19.
7. Isaac was a type or picture of our _____. John 3:16
8. Abraham was a type of _____ the Father. John 3:16.
9. God gives us many precious promises. Two of them are:
 - a. Acts 16:31 – Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be _____.
 - b. Philippians 4:19 – And my God will supply _____ according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
10. Write Romans 4:20-21: _____

LESSON 7 – A MARRIAGE ON PROMISE ROAD

Genesis 24

THEME: To show the closeness of the believer with Christ now and forever.

We all like to attend weddings. At a wedding we rejoice with the two people who are so happy to unite their hearts and lives in love. Do you believe God leads people in choosing life partners? He leads those who are following His instructions and who are trusting His promises which have been given to us by the apostle Paul.

The apostle Paul instructs us that we, who live in the dispensation of Grace and who are believers, should not marry those who are unbelievers. He does this in 2 Corinthians 6:14,15: “Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?”. And he promises us in Romans 8:28: “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

Today as we journey on PROMISE ROAD we are going to see how God led in finding a wife for Isaac. Then we are going to attend the wedding, although it may be very different from our weddings today.

After years went by, Sarah died and Abraham became old. He decided it was time for Isaac to be married. Abraham called his trusted servant and made him swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that he would not take a wife for Isaac among the heathen Canaanites, but that he would go to Abraham’s people (Genesis 24:2-4).

The servant departed with 10 camels for carrying supplies and gifts for the woman who was to become the wife of Isaac. When he arrived outside the city of Nahor, in Mesopotamia, he stopped beside a spring. It was the time when women came out to draw water. The servant prayed for guidance, asking God to show him definitely the right woman for Isaac. He asked that it be the woman who would draw water for him and who would offer to water his camels also. Then he waited to see God’s answer.

Soon Rebekah came and she was asked to give him a drink. Immediately she gave water to him and also drew water for all the camels. She said that she was a relative of Abraham’s brother Nahor and so she fulfilled the requirements. The servant bowed his head and worshiped the Lord. He was being invited by Laban, the brother of Rebekah, and so he entered their house. There he explained his mission and what happened by the spring.

Laban and Bethuel, Rebekah's father, replied: "The matter comes from the Lord; so we cannot speak to you bad or good. Here is Rebekah before you, take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has spoken." The servant gave gifts to Rebekah's family to prove to them the wealth and position of Isaac. Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night.

The next day the servant wanted to go back to his master but Laban and Rebekah's mother wanted Rebekah to stay for about 10 days. They decided to call Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" And she said, "I will go." She did not fear going to a strange land and to strange people because she believed that the God who led the servant would also care for her. Rebekah was not worried about discomforts during the journey because she was anticipating the meeting with the one whom she had not seen, the one whose wife she was to become.



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Then one evening Isaac went out into the field to meditate. He lifted up his eyes and saw the camels coming. The servant told Isaac everything and Isaac brought Rebekah into his mother Sarah's tent where she became his wife. That was their wedding. Isaac loved her because he knew that God had given him Rebekah for his wife.

We are in some way like Rebekah. We are also journeying in this life toward a meeting with One we have never seen before. But our meeting will be in the air. Therefore SALVATION LINER represents all those who have trusted only Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour from going to hell and who are waiting for His shout from heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:16). The Holy Spirit tells us about Him as we travel. We have not seen Him but we love Him and love to talk about Him and to read His guidebook to us, the Bible. There He tells us about our spiritual blessings and our position with Him in the heavenly places. There we shall be united with Him forever. Ephesians 1 and 2. In the meantime, we can talk to Him in prayer and be His ambassador by proclaiming the gospel of the grace of God to the lost ones.

The wedding between Isaac and Rebekah was an unusual wedding. Most people want a big celebration. This is fine as long as we know that the key to a happy marriage is love and respect. And with God's Word at the first place.

MEMORY VERSE: "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28.

LESSON 7 – WORK SHEET

Answer the questions:

1. What means of travel did Rebekah use? Genesis 24:61. _____
2. What kind of home did Isaac and Rebekah have? Genesis 24:67. _____
3. What gifts did Rebekah receive?. Genesis 24:22. _____

4. Where did the servant meet Rebekah? Genesis 24:13. _____

Fill in the spaces below to show how the experience of Isaac and Rebekah is like our experience today in the dispensation of Grace.

5. Isaac went out to meet Rebekah. Christ will come out of _____
to meet us. 1 Thessalonians 4:16.
6. Rebekah always stayed with Isaac. We will be with Christ _____.
1 Thessalonians 4:17.
7. Rebekah was a comfort to Isaac. We are to _____ one another
with the promise to meet the Lord in the air. 1 Thessalonians 4:18.
8. Isaac loved Rebekah and the Lord Jesus Christ _____ us. Romans 8:37.
9. Rebekah looked forward to meet Isaac as she journeyed. We must _____
_____ to meet our Lord Jesus Christ as we journey on THE HIGHWAY OF
LIFE. Titus 2:13.
10. Write Romans 8:28: _____

LESSON 8 – A WRESTLING MATCH ON PROMISE ROAD

Genesis 25 - 35

THEME: To show that yielding to the Holy Spirit can bring us victory.

Do men like to wrestle? There are two kinds of wrestling matches in this world: the physical match between people we can see, and the spiritual match which we cannot see. Today as we travel, we shall hear of a very unusual wrestling match between a man and God.

After the death of Abraham, God appeared to Isaac and confirmed to him all the great promises which He had made to his father, Abraham. Genesis 26:2-5. God had promised that He would multiply the descendants of Abraham as the stars of heaven. Isaac believed God and waited.

Twins were born to Isaac and Rebekah. Although they were brothers, Esau and Jacob always struggled with each other, even in the womb. Genesis 25:22,23. Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field, but Jacob was a peaceful man, living in tents. Genesis 25:27. God had told Rebekah that the older son Esau would serve the younger son Jacob. The family knew God keeps His promises, but no one knew how the promised blessing would pass to Jacob.

First of all, Esau sold his right of the first born to Jacob because he was hungry. Genesis 25:29-34.

Secondly, Jacob was helped by Rebekah to obtain Isaac's blessing by taking advantage of his father's blindness. Because Esau had despised and sold the birthright, he now lost the blessing of Isaac as well. Genesis 27:1-33. As a result Jacob had to flee so that Esau would not kill him after Isaac's death. Isaac and Rebekah wanted him to go to Haran, to Rebekah's brother Laban. And to marry there a wife from the daughters of Laban. On his trip God appeared to Jacob in a dream and promised to go with him, to keep him, and to bring him back to the land of Isaac. The God of grace wanted Jacob to trust Him to work out His purposes and to yield everything to Him.

For 20 years Jacob stayed in Haran at the home of Rebekah's brother. During that time there was a lot of striving between Jacob and his uncle Laban. For example he had to serve Laban for 14 years in order to marry Rachel after 7 years and one week. At last God spoke to Jacob and told him to go back to the land of promise. Genesis 31:3. Jacob took his wives, his 11 sons and 1 daughter, his livestock, all his property and fled because he feared that Laban would have sent him away empty-handed.

Jacob sent messengers before him to his brother Esau in the country of Edom. These returned saying that Esau is coming to meet him with 400 men. Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He made a plan to cause Esau's heart to soften toward him and his large family with flocks, herds and camels. Jacob divided his group, then sent them all across the stream at night while he remained alone.

Suddenly a man began to wrestle with him until daybreak. When this man saw that he could not prevail, he caused the dislocation of the socket of Jacob's thigh. Then the man said: "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But Jacob said: "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man said to him: "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed." And the man blessed him there. So Jacob named the place Peniel, for he said: "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been preserved." Genesis 32:24-30. And so Jacob had a great spiritual victory.



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Today we live in the dispensation represented by GRACE AIRPORT on the chart. We do not see heavenly beings, but there is an unseen being which we, believers in Christ, are to fight: the devil. Therefore our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12. And also we must fight the old nature within us. When we trust the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour from going to hell, His Holy Spirit dwells in us (Romans 8:9), but we still have our old sinful nature. The old nature or flesh is always fighting against the Spirit. Galatians 5:16,17. We must yield to the Spirit if we want victory and blessing in our spiritual lives.

Getting saved and aboard SALVATION LINER makes us like soldiers in the greatest spiritual battle of all time. The devil does not want the true believers in Christ to live a spiritual life of victory, therefore we must put on the full armor of God in order to stand against our enemy. Ephesians 6:11. What is this full armor of God? It is the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, shoes showing the preparation of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. Ephesians 6:14-17.

When unbelievers trust Christ as their personal Saviour from going to hell, they become children of God. Are you already a child of God?

MEMORY VERSE: “Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.” Ephesians 6:13.

LESSON 8 – WORK SHEET

Colossians 3:9,10 teaches us that we, believers in Christ, have laid aside the *Old Self* (old nature) with its evil and that we have put on the *New Self* (new nature) who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him. The old nature or the flesh is always trying to gain control of the new nature or the Spirit. We can tell by the deeds of the flesh or by the fruit of the Spirit, which nature is controlling people. Take the words written below and write them under the nature which they indicate. Galatians 5:19-23.

Love, Drunkenness, Enmities, Faithfulness, Strife,

Peace, Gentleness, Jealousy, Envy, Joy, Immorality, Self-control

OLD SELF

NEW SELF

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
-
7. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have _____ the flesh/Old Self with its passions and desires. Galatians 5:24. That is the only way to have victory over the Old Self.
 8. Ephesians 6:12 tells us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against:
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
 - d) _____
 9. If we want to be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil, we must put on the full _____ of God. Ephesians 6:11.
 10. Write Ephesians 6:13: _____

LESSON 9 – PROMISE ROAD DEVIATES THROUGH EGYPT

Genesis 37 - 50

THEME: To give a preview of Israel's history in relation to Jesus Christ.

Did you ever look through a telescope, the instrument for seeing things far away? If you did, you saw far off in the distance. Now we are going to meet a man on PROMISE ROAD whose life is like looking through a telescope. Through his experience we can see far off in the distance on THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE to the time of Jesus Christ and even farther to the time of the KINGDOM. We can call such a man a *type* because he is a picture of events to come. Joseph especially pictures the way the Lord Jesus Christ was treated by His people, the Jews, when He lived on this earth.

Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because Joseph was the son of his old age; and he made him a varicolored tunic. His brothers saw that their father loved Joseph more than them; and so they hated him and could not speak to him on friendly terms. Then Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. Genesis 37:3-5.

One day his brothers went to pasture their father's flock in Shechem. Israel sent Joseph to that place to see how his brothers and the flock were doing. So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. When they saw him from a distance and before he came close to them, they plotted against him to put him to death. But Reuben, the eldest son of Israel, rescued Joseph out of their hands and suggested to throw him into an empty pit. And so they did.

While eating they saw a caravan of traders passing enroute to Egypt. Upon suggestion of Judah they decided to sell Joseph for twenty pieces of silver to the traders. Reuben was not there when this happened and he felt very bad when Joseph was not anymore in the pit. He had the intention to rescue Joseph out of the hands of his brothers, to restore him to his father. He said to his brothers, "The boy is not there; as for me, where am I to go?" So they took Joseph's varicolored tunic, slaughtered a male goat and dipped the tunic in the blood. Then they brought it to their father and said that they found the tunic. Israel recognized the tunic and concluded that surely Joseph had been torn to pieces by a wild beast. He refused to be comforted and wept for him. Genesis 37:12-35.

Meanwhile, the traders sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, Pharaoh's officer, the captain of the bodyguard. The Lord was with Joseph, so he became the overseer of Potiphar's house. But there the sin of lust confronted Joseph when Potiphar's wife tried to seduce him. When he avoided this woman she falsely accused him to her husband and Joseph was sent to prison.

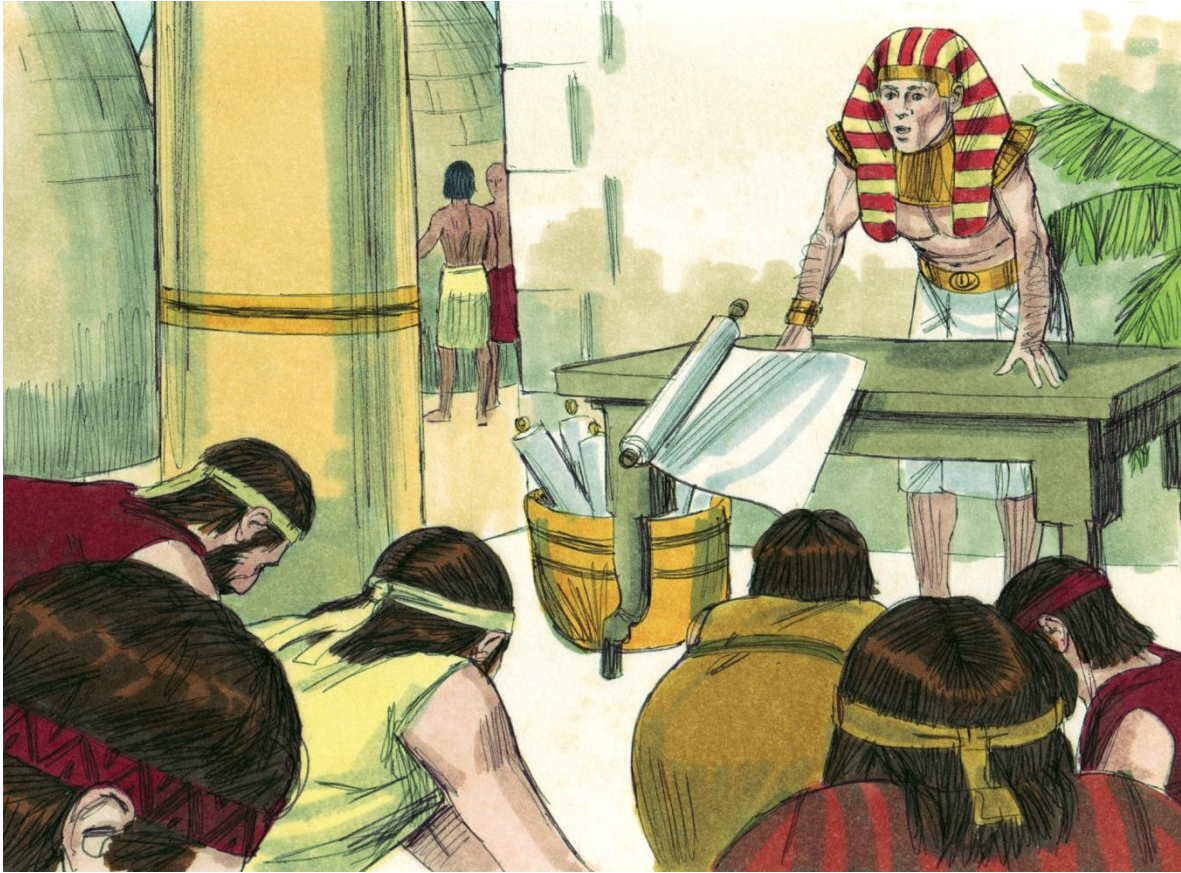
But the Lord was with Joseph and gave him favour in the sight of the chief jailer. The chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail. Then the chief cupbearer and the chief baker for the king of Egypt, who were confined in jail, both had a dream. Joseph interpreted their dreams and said that within three more days the chief cupbearer would be restored to his office but that the chief baker would die. The dreams came true, but Joseph was forgotten by the chief cupbearer.

One day Pharaoh had two dreams and no one of the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men could interpret them. Then the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh about Joseph and so Pharaoh sent and called for him. Joseph came and interpreted that God had told to Pharaoh in his dreams what He is about to do; that there will be seven years of abundance and seven years of very severe famine. Joseph proposed to store food as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine. Now the proposal seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his servants.

So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you are. You shall be over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you." Pharaoh set Joseph, who was thirty years old when he stood before him, over all the land of Egypt and named him Zaphenath-paneah.

When the seven years of plenty which had been in the land of Egypt came to an end, there was famine in all the lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. Then ten brothers of Joseph went down to buy grain from Egypt. Now Joseph was the ruler over all the land: he was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed down to him. They did not recognize Joseph, but Joseph recognized them. He tested his brothers to see if their hearts had changed since he had been sold by them. Chapters 42-44 of Genesis tell of these tests which Joseph used upon his brothers. They were proven to be sincerely repentant. Joseph then revealed himself to his brothers. We can imagine the weeping and rejoicing when they learned this was their brother! Joseph did not see his brothers as enemies because of his perspective. By saying "it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land Of Egypt", Joseph shows that he was a man who operated his life with divine perspective. Genesis 45:8.

Joseph then sent for his father to come and bring the whole family to live in Egypt. God promised to bless Israel in Egypt and to bring his descendants out again. Genesis 46:3-4.



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Now we will look through the telescope, far ahead. In how many ways are Joseph's life experiences like the experiences of Jesus?

1. Both were beloved sons. Matthew 3:17.
2. Both were faithful to the will of the father. John 8:29.
3. Both wore a tunic. John 19:23.
4. Both were hated without a cause. John 15:25.
5. Both were not received by their own. John 1:11.
6. Both were delivered for pieces of silver. Matthew 26:15.
7. Both were tempted to sin. Matthew 4:3.
8. Both were falsely accused. Matthew 26:60.
9. Both had companions in humiliation: one lost, one saved. Luke 23:32.
10. Both were obedient and exalted. Philippians 2:8-11.
11. Both were 30 years old when they received power. Luke 3:23.
12. Both were (Joseph) and will be (Jesus) honoured by their brethren. Zechariah 12:10.

Israel and Joseph both died in Egypt, but they died in hope. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob." Genesis 50:24. God who leads on PROMISE ROAD cannot lie and never forget His promises.

Is this wonderful God your God? He can be if you trust His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as your personal Saviour from going to hell. With Him He will give you His justification and His glorification. Romans 8:28-32.

MEMORY VERSE: "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32.

LESSON 9 – WORK SHEET

You will find listed below 9 statements about our Lord Jesus Christ. Under each statement fill in the fact which concerned Joseph in a similar way.

1. The Lord Jesus Christ was the beloved Son of God, the Father.
Matthew 3:17.
Joseph was the beloved son of _____. Genesis 37:3.
2. Jesus was hated without a cause. John 15:25.
Joseph was _____. Genesis 37:5, 11.
3. Jesus was not received by His own, the Jews. John 1:11.
Joseph was not received by _____. Genesis 37:18.
4. Jesus was delivered for 30 pieces of silver. Matthew 26:15.
Joseph was delivered for _____. Genesis 37:28.
5. Jesus was tempted to sin by the devil. Matthew 4:3.
Joseph was tempted to sin by _____. Genesis 39:7.
6. Jesus was falsely accused by false witnesses. Matthew 26:60.
Joseph was falsely accused by _____. Genesis 39:17,18.
7. Jesus had two companions in humiliation, one thief was lost, one was saved. Luke 23:32
Joseph had two companions in _____
_____. Genesis 40:1-3.
8. Jesus saves people from eternal death to eternal life. John 3:16.
Joseph saved people from _____. Genesis 41:56,57.
9. Jesus will one day be honoured by His brethren, the Jews, and will reign over them.
Zechariah 12:10.
Joseph was honoured by _____. Genesis 45:26.
10. Write Romans 8:32: _____

LESSON 10 – A PASS-OVER AND A PASS-THROUGH ON PROMISE ROAD

Exodus 1 - 14

THEME: To teach the completeness of salvation in Christ.

We are going to pretend for a few moments. Suppose your country is at war! The enemy is sending planes with bombs over your home! You see them coming, a great mass of planes. You start praying they will pass over without dropping their bombs. When they do, you are saved! Death did not strike you from the air.

Today as we journey we shall learn how God's people were saved from three kinds of death as they travelled on PROMISE ROAD. The close of the last lesson left us in Egypt after the death of Israel and Joseph. While Joseph was in power, everything went well for the children of Israel, but after many years a different Pharaoh came to power. Because he feared the multiplying numbers of the Israelites, he began to oppress them, making them slaves. Exodus 1:8-22.

When the affliction became more than the Israelites could bear, they cried out. Exodus 2:23-25. God heard their groaning and called another Israelite named Moses to lead His people out of Egypt to the land God had promised to give Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. We call this land the PROMISED LAND. Moses showed reluctance when God gave him his mission and eventually God became angry and gave his brother Aaron as Moses his spokesman before Pharaoh. Exodus 3-4:16. With God's power, Moses would perform all the wonders so that Pharaoh would let Israel, God's firstborn son, go to serve Him. Exodus 4:21-23. Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three, when they spoke to Pharaoh. We read the exciting story of the plagues and contests in Exodus 7:8–11:10. God caused definite differences between the Egyptians and the Israelites, but even after all of these, Pharaoh still refused to allow the Israelites to leave Egypt.

God gave Moses and Aaron the plans for the Passover Lamb as told in Exodus chapter 12. All the Israelite families had to kill an unblemished male lamb of a year old and place some of its blood on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat the lamb's flesh. The blood would be a sign for them on the houses where they were so that they would be spared. Because where there was no blood, *every firstborn would be killed by a band of destroying angels*. Psalm 78:49-50.

Why asked God the children of Israel to place blood on the two doorposts and on the lintel? Probably because only the doorposts and the lintel of their mudbrick homes were made of stone and on these were inscribed the name of the one who lived inside. Even if the house was destroyed, the chance of the name existing through the survival of the stone was very

good. So when God required the Israelites to place the blood on the doorposts and the lintel, He was asking them to cover their names with the blood of the lamb. By doing this, they were taught the rudiments of salvation. Their names on stone did not ensure life in the hereafter like the Egyptians believed; only the blood of the Lamb could do that.

We, of course, have to learn the same lesson. It matters where our name is written. "And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire". Revelation 20:15. This book is also called "the Lamb's book of life". Revelation 21:27. To have your name written in that book you need to believe that we have only redemption in Christ, through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1:7.

At midnight the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of cattle. That night in Egypt death came to all houses and there was the sound of great wailing throughout the land. Pharaoh arose in the night and told Moses and Aaron to leave together with the other Israelites, their flocks and their herds. According to the word of Moses, the Israelites had requested from the Egyptians articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing. And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have their request. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

Then when the Israelites had not been long on their escape, Pharaoh changed his mind and his army began to chase them. In front of Israel was the Red Sea with no way to get across or to go around. But Moses said to the people, "Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the Lord ... the Lord will fight for you." Exodus 14:13-14. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided. The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. Exodus 14:21,22.

Did the chasing army of Egypt also cross safely to the other side? No. They thought they could go through the sea, instead they drowned in the midst of it.

Israel was victoriously saved from three kinds of death: 1) from the band of destroying angels; 2) from the sea; 3) from the army of Pharaoh.

God did it all by His power. We who live today at GRACE AIRPORT also have victory over three kinds of death: 1) the world; 2) the flesh; 3) the devil.



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We will now think of how our experience is similar to that of the fleeing Israelites.

Egypt stands for the world which will one day be judged. Israel was saved by faith from the judgment upon Egypt by the blood applied to the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses. We, believers in Christ, shall be saved by faith from the judgment upon this world by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ applied to our hearts.

The flesh is the old man who fights against the spiritual man. The Israelites ate of the roasted Passover Lamb to receive strength for their journey. We feed upon the living Christ by studying His Word rightly divided to receive strength for our journey in life. We should always remind that we, believers in Christ, have laid aside the *Old Self* (old nature) with its evil and that we have put on the *New Self* (new nature) who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him. Colossians 3:9,10.

Pharaoh and his armies stand for the devil. As Israel was saved by faith in the instructions of their leader Moses who received these from God, so are we saved by faith in the instructions of our leader, the apostle Paul, who received these from the risen Lord Jesus

Christ. By faith we win the battle between the old and the new natures in us. We gain victory over the temptations and trials by following the words of the apostle Paul. If we do not obey his words we are serving the enemy. Even as the Israelites had not obeyed the words of Moses.

We see in each case that Israel's salvation depended on believing and obeying God. At that very point God showed His delivering power. Our salvation from the world, the flesh and the devil depends upon believing and obeying God's Word. Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us. By applying His shed blood to our hearts and lives, we believe and trust Him as our personal Saviour from going to hell. At that very point God does His great work of salvation.

MEMORY VERSE: "Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed." 1 Corinthians 5:7.

LESSON 10 – WORK SHEET

1. The Israelites had followed PROMISE ROAD to what country?

Exodus 1:1_____.

2. Why do we call Canaan the PROMISED LAND? Exodus 12:25.

_____.

3. List the 10 judgments/plagues God sent upon Egypt. Exodus 7-12.

1) _____;	6) _____;
2) _____;	7) _____;
3) _____;	8) _____;
4) _____;	9) _____;
5) _____;	10) _____.

God saved His people from three kinds of death as they escaped from Egypt to Canaan on PROMISE ROAD. Write what the 3 deaths were:

4. Exodus 12:12-13 _____.

5. Exodus 14:22-23 _____.

6. Exodus 14:27-28 _____.

We today can be saved from an enemy who wants to destroy our body and soul. He has three means he uses. The verses below warn us. Look them up and fill in the spaces below.

7. Galatians 1:4 Christ gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from _____.
So Jesus Christ should be our personal Saviour and Lord.

8. Romans 8:13 If we are living according to the _____ we must die. But if by the Spirit we are putting to death the _____, we will live. So we should not live according to the flesh.

9. Ephesians 6:11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the _____.
So we should put on the full armor of God in order to stand firm.

10. Write 1 Corinthians 5:7: _____

LESSON 11 – A MOUNTAIN SHADOWS PROMISE ROAD

Exodus 15 - 32

THEME: To show why God gave the Law and to whom it was given.

Have you seen a mountain? From far away it looked like only a tiny hill, but then as you came closer it became very large. Today as we follow Israel we come to Mount Sinai (2,285 metres high). You will hear how it became a frightening mountain, how it smoked, and how God spoke from this mountain to Moses. It was a long time before Israel passed the shadow of this mountain.

The Israelites are now on the way to the PROMISED LAND. God will test His people to see if they are ready to receive and govern the land He promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He also wanted to prove to Israel that they needed Him all along the way.

After Israel passed through the Red Sea, they came into the wilderness of Shur. Exodus 15:22. From here the tests began to come upon them:

1. First test: the bitter waters of Marah. Exodus 15:22-25. When Israel came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. The people failed when they grumbled, but God was faithful. The Lord showed Moses a tree which he threw into the waters, and the waters became sweet. The tree pictures Christ who makes the bitter become sweet. Christ died on the tree to take the bitterness of sin upon Himself.
2. Second test: hunger. Exodus 16:3-21. In the wilderness of Sin the people grumbled again because they were hungry. They failed again but God again proved to be faithful and sent them manna. The manna is a type of Christ, the Bread of Life. John 6.
3. Third test: thirst at Rephidim. Exodus 17:1-7. From the wilderness of Sin the sons of Israel camped at Rephidim, and there was no water. The people failed by grumbling, but God provided water from the rock after striking it. The rock is Christ and the water the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 10:4 and John 7:37-39. The striking of the rock pictured Christ being struck and crucified when He came to earth more than 2,000 years ago. The Holy Spirit could only be given through the smiting of Christ.

Israel then arrived at Mount Sinai and camped in front of the mountain. Moses went up into the mountain and God told him that He wanted the sons of Israel to be to Him a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. But they had to obey His voice and keep His covenant. All the people agreed when Moses told them and the Lord said to Moses that He would come to him in a thick cloud, so that the people could hear Him while they were standing at the foot of the mountain. Exodus 19.

The time had come for the greatest test of all. God will test Israel's love and faith by their obedience to the Law that He will give them. Everyone feared God's holiness when they heard the ten commandments of the Law. They wanted Moses to tell them the rest of the Law which would be added to the Promises. Exodus 20:1-21. We see the travel laws Israel had to remember were greatly increased. Galatians 3:19-25.

What do you suppose the people were doing while Moses was up on the mountain? They broke the first two commandments that were given by God. Exodus 32 tells about the golden calf., the anger of the Lord, the intercession of Moses, the breaking of the two stone tablets with the ten commandments (Deuteronomy 9:10), and that 3000 Israelites were killed.



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Did Israel pass the test? No. And that was not the end of the test. God gave them many, many years under the Law but they broke the commandments over and over. God added the Law to the Promises because of Israel's sinfulness. The Law was added until the promised Seed would come, but they ended up crucifying the promised One when He came. Now we will see why the Law was given and what is proved.

The Law was added to the Promise because of transgressions/sins. Galatians 3:19. Israel sinned over and over again and did not pay attention to the sinfulness of sin.

The Law proved that the Israelites were sinful, just like the gentiles, and had no reason for boasting. Romans 3:19-20.

The Law proved that the perfect holiness of God demanded perfect righteousness. Exodus 20:3-6. Therefore Israel's only hope lay in the righteousness of the Promised One, our Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 3:24.

To whom was the Law given? To Israel. The Law was nailed to the cross of Calvary. Colossians 2:14. Was the Law given to us who are living over at GRACE AIRPORT? No, but we can learn from the Law the same things that Israel learned. We are weak and sinful in ourselves. God demands perfect righteousness. We can only get that righteousness by trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour from going to hell. Attempting to keep the holy Law never saved anyone, but trusting in the finished work of Christ upon the cross will save anyone who believes in Him.

MEMORY VERSE: "Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made." Galatians 3:19.

LESSON 11 – WORK SHEET

As the Israelites journeyed from Egypt to the land of Canaan, God tested them and proved them to see if they would walk in His way and if they were ready to go in and govern the Promised Land. From the Scriptures below fill in the blanks to show what the tests were and how God provided for their needs.

1. Exodus 15:22-25. At Marah the waters were _____. God told Moses to throw a _____ into the waters and they became _____.
2. Exodus 16:3-5. In the wilderness of _____ the people thought they would die of _____, but God said He would rain _____ from _____.
3. Exodus 17:1-6. At Rephidim they became _____ because there was no _____, but God told Moses to smite the _____ and _____ would come out.
4. There is only one person who can satisfy our spiritual hunger and our spiritual thirst. Look up the verses below and write the name of this One.
John 6:35 _____; John 4:14 _____.
5. Where was Israel when God gave them the greatest test of all?
Exodus 19:1-2 _____.

The Bible references below tell why the Law was given. Look them up and fill in the spaces.

6. Galatians 3:19. The Law was added because of _____.
7. Romans 3:19. The Law was given that every _____.
8. Romans 3:19. The Law was given that all the world might become _____.
9. What did Israel worship in breaking the first two commandments of the Law and what did Moses do with this? Exodus 32:4,20. _____
_____.
10. Write Galatians 3:19: _____

LESSON 12 – UNDER THE LAW ON PROMISE ROAD

Numbers 8 - 14

THEME: To show that there is one Mediator between men and God.

Are you afraid of the Police officer when he walks by your house? There is no need if you are doing right, but suppose he came along when you were doing something which was against the law? A boy was caught stealing a bicycle. The officer was going to take him directly to the police station, but at that moment the boy's father arrived. The father pleaded with the officer to let the boy go, and promised that he would take care of the boy's punishment. So the boy escaped going to court or to prison. His father became a mediator for him; that is, he came *between* the boy and the penalty of the law.

We shall see as we journey on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE* that Israel also needed a mediator. There were penalties attached to the breaking of the Law. There were to be great blessings to Israel if the Law was kept, but there were to be many curses upon Israel if the commandments were disobeyed. Deuteronomy 28.

After giving the Law at Mount Sinai God gave Moses directions from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim. Numbers 7:89. The ark of the testimony was in the Holy of Holies, the secret place within the Tabernacle. God told Moses to clean the Levites for priesthood. Numbers 8:5-22. That the covering cloud by day or the appearance of fire by night was to lead the people of Israel. Numbers 9:15-23. And to make two trumpets of silver which were blown not only for assembling but also for marching, battle and festivals. Numbers 10:1-10.

They left from the wilderness of Sinai and went to the wilderness of Paran. Numbers 10:11-36. Again the people complained; and when the Lord heard it, His anger was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burned among them. Moses prayed to the Lord and the fire died out. So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the Lord burned among them. Numbers 11:1-3. Moses was *the mediator* between Israel and an angry God.

When the 600,000 men on foot (Numbers 11:21) and all the others came to Hazeroth and remained there, Miriam and Aaron became jealous of their brother Moses. Because they gossiped about Moses, Miriam was stricken with leprosy. Then Moses cried out to God for her and she was healed after seven days. Again Moses was *a mediator*. Numbers 12.

Israel camped at Kadesh and Moses sent spies to the land of Canaan. He sent 12, one from each tribe. After 40 days they brought back their report. They showed fruit and said, "The land certainly does flow with milk and honey, and this is its fruit."



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But they also said that the people were strong and the cities were fortified and very large. They said the children of Anakim/giants live there. Then Calab quieted the people before Moses and said, “We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we will surely overcome it.” But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us.” Numbers 13. Again the people murmured and complained. This time against Moses, Aaron and the Lord. They threatened to appoint a leader and return to Egypt. Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in the presence of all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel. Joshua and Caleb, two who had spied out the land, tore their clothes. They told them not to rebel against the Lord and not to fear the people of the land. But then all the congregation said to stone them. Numbers 14:1-10.

Then the glory of the Lord appeared in the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel. The Lord said to Moses: “How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst? I will smite them with pestilence and dispossess them, and I will make you into a nation greater and mightier than they.” Numbers 14:11-12.

Again Moses pleaded for the people, and the Lord answered and said that only Caleb and Joshua would be permitted to go into the Promised Land. All the others from twenty years old and upward would have to wander and die in the wilderness for 40 years. The ten spies who were unbelieving died by a plague. Numbers 14:13-38.

Israel deserved to be destroyed because of their unbelief and sin. According to our guidebook, the Bible, all people deserve to be destroyed. "All have sinned." Romans 3:23. "The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23. But, "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8. Now he lives to intercede for us. Hebrews 7:25. Christ is our Mediator before the Father. He stands between us and the anger of God for sin. There is *only one* Mediator and that is Jesus Christ. 1 Timothy 2:5-6. Christ has taken upon the cross our deserved punishment for sin and when we trust Him as our personal Saviour from going to hell, God sees us in Christ.

We have learned how Moses was a type of Christ because he pictured before time the work as a mediator which Christ was going to do. Christ is the *only* Mediator between God and man. Is He your Mediator?

MEMORY VERSE: "For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time." 1 Timothy 2:5-6.

LESSON 12 – WORK SHEET

Israel traveled after the accepting of the Law. We see that there were penalties attached to breaking the Law. Fill in the blanks below according to the Scriptures.

Sin committed

Penalty for sin

1. Numbers 11:1 _____. Numbers 11:1 _____.
2. Numbers 12:1 _____. Numbers 12:10 _____.
3. Numbers 14:11 _____. Numbers 14:12 _____.
4. What did Moses do in each of the situations found in these verses:
Numbers 11:2 Numbers 12:13 Numbers 14:19

5. Moses was an intercessor or mediator between an angry God and sinful people. What is the name of the One who always lives to make intercession/prayer for us? Hebrews 7:22-25. _____.
6. Fill in the spaces to show why saved people need Christ to pray for them. 1 John 2:1. "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not _____. And if anyone _____, we have an Advocate (mediator/intercessor) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."
7. Why do all people deserve to be punished? Romans 3:23 _____.
8. What did Christ do while we were yet sinners? Romans 5:8 _____.
9. Fill in the spaces in the verses below to show the powerful work of the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour.
His work for the *unsaved*: 1 Timothy 1:15. Christ Jesus came into the world to _____ sinners.
His work for the *saved*: Hebrews 7:25. He is able to _____ forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make _____ for them.
10. Write 1 Timothy 2:5-6: _____

LESSON 13 – JOSHUA LEADS ISRAEL INTO THE PROMISED LAND

Joshua 1 - 11

THEME: To show that possession of God's blessings depends upon taking hold of that which God's Word promises.

With our swords and shields, we are going to be fighting battles as we travel on PROMISE ROAD. You will learn the secret of how to get and enjoy the blessings of the Christian life.

Moses, the faithful servant of God, died and God buried him. Deuteronomy 34:5,6. A new leader, Joshua, was appointed to lead Israel into the PROMISED LAND. Joshua had shown his faith at Kadesh when the unbelieving spies had feared to go into the land. During the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, the old generation of Israel had died (except Caleb and Joshua) and Joshua was to lead the new generation on to the conquest of the land. God spoke to Joshua and made definite promises to him:

- "Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses." Joshua 1:3.

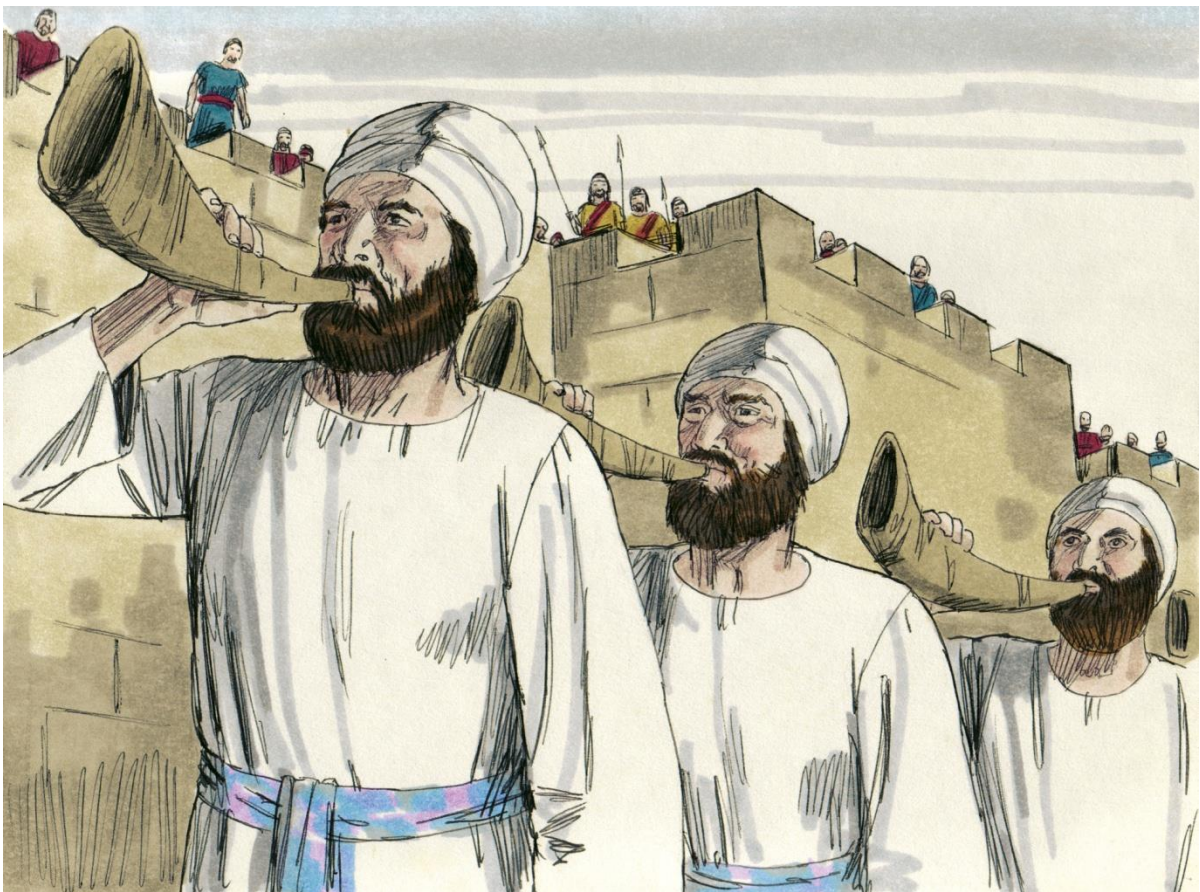
- "... Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you." Joshua 1:5.

- "Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:7-9.

Joshua's success depended upon him believing and obeying the book of the Law. Israel came near to the first great city, Jericho. Joshua sent two spies ahead. The spies came into the house of Rahab who saved them from death. They promised her that she would be saved when the city was taken. Therefore she had to tie a cord of scarlet thread in the window through which she let them down. The same cord the spies escaped with. Joshua 2. The cord of scarlet thread in the window is a picture of salvation through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Next, Israel prepared to cross the river Jordan opposite Jericho, with priests carrying the ark of the covenant before the people.

When the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap. And those waters which were flowing down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And while all Israel crossed on dry ground, the priests, who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan. Joshua 3:14-17. Then, in the 6th chapter of Joshua, Israel was given directions for the conquest of Jericho. The men of war should circle the city once for six days. On the seventh day they should march around the city seven times, and the priests should blow the trumpets. After hearing the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat.



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Doesn't it seem a strange way to win a battle? The people of Jericho fearfully watched as the Israelites marched around the city without talking. God wants us to learn that His ways are not our ways. He wants things done so that He will receive the glory, and not man. We will ask ourselves some questions.

What made the walls of Jericho fall down flat? Faith in God and obedience to His commandment or Word. Hebrews 11:30.

What saved Rahab? Faith in God and obedience to His Word as He spoke through the spies who she had welcomed in peace. Hebrews 11:31.

What made Joshua successful? Faith in God, his unseen Captain. He showed his faith by obeying orders of his Captain. The book of the law did not depart from his mouth. He trusted and obeyed God even though the orders seemed strange.

What will bring success to us who live over at GRACE AIRPORT? We, believers in Christ, also have a battle to fight and a 'promised land' as we travel on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*. There are things to notice about our battle:

1. Our 'promised land' are the heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 1:3, 1:20 and 2:6. By faith we, believers in Christ, are no longer of this present world or in its sphere of sinfulness and rebellion. We have been rescued from spiritual death and given spiritual life in order to be in Christ Jesus in the heavenly spaces.
2. Our enemies are the rulers, the powers, the world forces of this darkness and the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12.
3. Our victory is accomplished through faith in the Word of our Captain, the risen Lord Jesus Christ. He gave us the gospel of the grace of God through the apostle Paul: "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and He was buried, and He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15:3,4. By trusting this message of truth we will be saved from going to hell. We show our faith by obeying the instructions of the apostle Paul. This will produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, etc. Galatians 5:22,23. Our enemies will try to keep us from enjoying these things, but if we do like Joshua and obey, God will surely be faithful and give them to us.

Sad to say, after the battle of Jericho, Israel never fully conquered the land of Canaan because they did not fully obey God's Word. They did enter in, however, and divided the land as God directed.

Are you unsaved today? If so, you are like Rahab, living in a place which is doomed to destruction. But you can be saved by faith just as Rahab was. You show your faith by confessing that Christ is your Saviour. Then you can bring others of your family into the place of safety in Christ just as Rahab brought her family into her house and save them from destruction. How? By telling them the gospel of the grace of God.

MEMORY VERSE: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9.

LESSON 13 – WORK SHEET

1. Who became Israel's leader after Moses died? Joshua 1:1-2. _____.
2. Why was he appointed? Deuteronomy 34:9 _____

_____.
3. What three special promises did God make to Joshua?
Joshua 1:3 _____.
Joshua 1:5 _____.
Joshua 1:8 _____.

Choose the correct word to complete the following statements:

4. Joshua's success depended upon (hard work / obedience / good organization).
Joshua 1:8.
5. It was by (praying / fighting / faith / pushing) that the walls of Jericho fell down flat.
Hebrews 11:30
6. Rahab was saved because she (was good / was bad / kept the Law / had faith).
Hebrews 11:31.

The experience of those who live now in the dispensation of Grace is like the experience of the Israelites in many ways. Look up the following Scriptures and fill in the spaces.

7. Israel had many promised physical blessings in the land of Canaan and we have many promised spiritual blessings in _____. Ephesians 1:3.
8. Israel's enemies were the nations who possessed Canaan and our enemies are _____
_____ in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12.
9. Victory for Israel depended upon believing and obeying, and victory for us depends upon _____. Ephesians 6:13-17.
10. Write Joshua 1:9: _____

_____.

LESSON 14 – FROM PROMISE ROAD TO KINGDOM BOULEVARD

1 Samuel 8 – 2 Samuel 6

THEME: To show the foolishness of letting self rule one's life.

“Give us a king to judge us.” said all the elders of Israel, “appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations.” With this demand the Israelites rejected the Lord God as their King and chose a man to rule over them. 1 Samuel 8:5-7. They wanted a king they could see. They were tired of walking by faith and leaning upon the promises of God. Foolish Israelites! 1 Samuel 10:18,19. They did not understand the sorrow that this request for a man to rule over them would bring. 1 Samuel 8:10-22.

Do you remember our verse about the way of life and the way of death from lesson 1? We have been seeing many examples of those who chose one way or the other. Not only is life on earth about choosing the way of eternal life or of eternal death. It's also about choosing the right way to serve God here on earth after choosing the way of eternal life. Today we shall read about two kings, one who chose not to serve God the right way and the other who did.

In Acts 13:18 the apostle Paul tells us that for a period of about 40 years God put up with Israel in the wilderness. After destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan he distributed their land as an inheritance. Then He gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. In the book of Judges we can read how these judges judged problems in Israel. Also how they fought and delivered the nation from slavery by its enemies who oppressed them from all sides. All of this took about 450 years. Acts 13:19,20. During that time there had been many periods of great sin, breaking of the Law, and idolatry. And now in demanding for a man to become king over them, Israel committed another sin.

The first chosen king was named Saul. He was handsome and tall. 1 Samuel 9:2. He was pleasing to the eyes of the people and so all the people shouted and said, “Long live the king!”. 1 Samuel 10:24. But God was not pleased when he looked upon the heart of Saul. We will see how Saul's actions proved what was in his heart.

On your chart you will see there is a turn in the road where PROMISE ROAD becomes KINGDOM BOULEVARD. When Saul began to reign, he led the people against their enemies, the Philistines. The Israelites had great fear. Saul knew that he had to wait seven days for Samuel to do the offering of the burnt offering and the peace offering. But Saul could not wait and decided to start offering by himself. As soon as he finished offering the burnt offering, Samuel came. Condemning words were spoken: “You have acted foolishly; ... your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart...” 1 Samuel 13:1-14.

Saul disobeyed again after the battle with Amalek. He did not destroy everything as he had been commanded. 1 Samuel 15:1-23. And therefore God rejected Saul from being king.

Now God chose another man after His own heart as He had promised. 1 Samuel 16:7. His name was David. Samuel anointed him. David became Saul's armour bearer. 1 Samuel 16:21. Now we will see how David's actions proved what was in his heart.



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In 1 Samuel 17 we read the entire story how David killed the giant Goliath, the champion of the Philistines. David proved himself brave, humble, loyal, a man of faith who gave all the glory to God. 1 Samuel 17:37, 45-46.

King Saul became envious and would not give his throne to David. In fact, Saul tried to kill David. 1 Samuel 18:1-14. At the end David had to run for his life. He had to hide for several years, but God was with him and kept him safely.

David had chosen the way of faith to serve God. Saul, on the other hand, went lower and lower until he finally went to ask a medium for advice. 1 Samuel 28:7-19. This was against the law mentioned in Leviticus 19:31. The medium was used in some way to tell Saul of his soon coming death. Before Saul already had to admit: "I have played the fool" 1 Samuel 26:21. He had chosen the way that *seemed right to man* but it proved to be the way of death.

After Saul's death, David reigned for 40 years. 2 Samuel 5:4. This was the same time that Saul had been king over Israel. Acts 13:21. In 1 Samuel 13:1 we read that Saul reigned two years over Israel. How do we explain this difference? After two years Saul was rejected from being a king in a spiritual sense (1 Samuel 15:23) but he continued to be a king in a national sense for 40 years.

David was 30 years old when he became king (2 Samuel 5:4), so he was born in the 10th year of Saul's reign. We know that Jonathan, Saul his son, smote the garrison of the Philistines in the beginning of his father's reign. 1 Samuel 13:3. He must have been at least 20 years old at that time. Numbers 1:3. Thus, Jonathan was about 30 years old when David was born. If David was 15 years old when he slew Goliath, Jonathan would be 45 years old at the time he and David formed their friendship.

Jonathan was probably one of the most spiritual minded and righteous men on earth to ever live. Although he was next in line to the throne, Jonathan accepted the word of God that David was to be the next king (something his father Saul never accepted). Whereas other men would kill for a chance to be a king, Jonathan abdicated the throne to David. Jonathan and David were like-minded, like-faithed and best friends who loved each other.

King Saul stands for the old self-nature of man which always makes a fool of those who yield to it. King David stands for the new spiritual nature which we should yield to after we trust the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour from going to hell.

Christ became to us wisdom from God (1 Corinthians 1:30), and His name is Wonderful Counselor (Isaiah 9:6). Proverbs 12:15 tells us: "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes. But a wise man is he who listens to counsel."

As Saul tried to kill David several times, so the old self-nature is always trying to slay/kill the new nature. To which are you going to yield the rest of your life here on earth? Are you going to be foolish or wise? Christ wants to be your Wonderful Counselor. It is wise to yield your life to Him.

MEMORY VERSE: "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel." Proverbs 12:15.

LESSON 14 – WORK SHEET

1. Why is *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE* now called KINGDOM HIGHWAY? 1 Samuel 8:5-6.

_____.

What were Saul's three great steps downward from his place of honour as King?

2. 1 Samuel 13:13 _____

3. 1 Samuel 15:23 _____

4. 1 Samuel 28:7 _____

What were the three great things in David which showed he was worthy to be King?

5. 1 Samuel 16:7 _____

6. 1 Samuel 17:45 _____

7. 1 Samuel 18:5 _____

8. According to Proverbs 12:15, why would you say that Saul was a fool?

9. How can we have wisdom? 1 Corinthians 1:30 _____

10. Write Proverbs 12:15: _____

_____.

LESSON 15 – SOLOMON'S GLORIOUS KINGDOM

1 Kings 1 – 11 and 2 Chronicles 1 - 9

THEME: To give a preview of the 1,000 year Kingdom.

As a child did you ever play king or queen? If you did, it was probably fun to put a crown on your head and pretend that other people will do everything you tell them to do. Did you know that believers are going to reign with Christ one day in a position higher than any king or queen in the world today? In 2 Timothy 2:11,12 we read that believers in Christ, who desired to live godly in Christ Jesus and therefore suffered (2 Timothy 3:12), will reign with Christ.

King David had the intention to build a permanent house for the ark of the covenant of the Lord. But the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "... you shall not build a house to My name, because you have shed so much blood on the earth before Me. Behold, a son will be born to you, ...He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever." Therefore David called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build the house. 1 Chronicles 22:6-10. Now when David reached old age, he made his son Solomon king over Israel. 1 Chronicles 23:1.

Solomon began his reign as king over all Israel. He went to the high place which was at Gibeon, for God's tent of meeting was there, which Moses the servant of the Lord had made in the wilderness. There he offered a thousand burnt offerings on the bronze altar. In that night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask what I shall give you." Solomon asked that God gave him wisdom and knowledge. Because of this humble request, God gave him also riches and wealth and honour. Solomon then returned to Jerusalem and reigned over Israel. 2 Chronicles 1:1-13. He showed his wisdom when he was asked to settle a dispute between two women, over who was the true mother of a baby. We read of this story in 1 Kings 3:16-28.

Solomon organized the kingdom. He had 40,000 stalls of horses for his chariots, and 12,000 horsemen. He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005 songs. 1 Kings 4:26, 32. His great throne was made of ivory overlaid with refined gold, and all his drinking cups were made of gold. He became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. 1 Kings 10:18, 21, 23.

In 2 Chronicles 3 we read that Solomon began to build the Temple on Mount Moriah, where the Lord answered the offerings of his father David. 1 Chronicles 21:26. In 1 Kings 6:1 we read that this happened in the 480th year after the sons of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the 4th year of Solomon's reign over Israel. However, in Acts 13:18 the apostle Paul tells us that for about 40 years God put up with Israel in the wilderness. Then in Acts 13:19,20 there is a period of about 450 years until Samuel the prophet. Saul and David reigned each for 40 years (Acts 13:21, 2 Samuel 5:4). So all this does not fit with the 480 years of 1 Kings 6:1.

How do we explain this difference? During the 450 years until Samuel the prophet, Israel was serving other nations instead of God. And so the 480 years of 1 Kings 6:1 do not include the years when Israel is out of favour.



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The Temple consisted of a house for the Lord (1 Kings 6:2), a porch in front it (1 Kings 6:3), an Inner Court (1 Kings 6:36) or Court of the Priests and the Great Court (2 Chronicles 4:9) where the people assembled to worship. The house for the Lord had an inner sanctuary, the Holy of Holies, where the ark of the covenant of the Lord was placed (1 Kings 6:19).

The first altar was the Altar of Burnt Offering, also called the Brasen Altar. It stood before the house for the Lord (2 Kings 16:14) and upon it the animal and bird sacrifices were offered. The blood of the sacrifices was being thrown against the base of the altar. The animal to be offered in the burnt offering was always to be of the highest quality. The offerer laid his hands upon the animal, identifying his sins with it. Thus, when the animal was slain (by the hand of the offerer) it died for the sins of the offerer. It is not so much for the offerer's specific sins (which were dealt with by other sacrifices), but rather for the offerer's general state of sinfulness.

The second altar was the Altar of Incense, called also the Golden Altar, and stood inside the house for the Lord.

In 2 Chronicles 5,6 we read that all the work that Solomon performed for the house of the Lord was finished and how it was dedicated. Solomon saw in the future that days of trouble would come, and he prayed that God would hear Israel and help them in that day. After this, fire from heaven came down and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the house. All the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the Lord upon the house, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the Lord. 2 Chronicles 7:1-3.

Do you remember what we said about a *type* in the Bible? It is someone or something, pictured beforetime. Solomon's kingdom was a type of the great KINGDOM OF HEAVEN upon earth. God promised a kingdom to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and David, a kingdom which would last forever. On our chart it is represented by HOLY KINGDOM MOUNTAIN, most probably located on the site where Solomon's Temple was built.

Solomon pictures our Lord Jesus Christ when He will reign as King of kings (Revelation 19:16), and all the nations will come and worship before Him. Revelation 15:4. Are you wondering where we, believers in Christ, will be then? We must look at GRACE AIRPORT where all who trust the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour from going to hell become passengers on SALVATION LINER. Before He comes to reign on the earth, we, the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27), will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air; to be joined with Him forever. 1 Thessalonians 4:17. While we, believers in Christ, are waiting to be caught up, He wants us to be *Ambassadors* for Him. That we implore others on behalf of Christ to be reconciled to God. To trust Him as their own personal Saviour from going to hell. 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2.

We have seen the glory which came to Solomon because he obeyed God. Next lesson we will see the tragedy which came when Solomon disobeyed. It is a wonderful hope to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. But maybe you don't have this hope yet. It is not difficult to become His child. Trust Him as your personal Saviour from going to hell by believing that He died, buried and resurrected for you, taking upon Himself your sin. Then you will be a child of God and a fellow heir with Christ. Romans 8:16,17.

MEMORY VERSE: "and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*." Romans 8:17.

LESSON 15 – WORK SHEET

Look up the Scriptures and fill in the correct word to complete the following statements.

1. God refused to let David build the Temple because he had _____
_____ 1 Chronicles 22:8.
2. God said that David's son _____ would build it. 1 Chronicles 22:9,10.
3. God said that the throne of the kingdom of Solomon would be established over Israel
_____ 1 Chronicles 22:10.
4. Solomon asked that God would give him _____
2 Chronicles 1:10.
5. God showed that He was pleased with the offerings and the prayer of Solomon by
sending _____
_____ 2 Chronicles 7:1.
6. God told Solomon: "If you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments
which I have set before you, and go _____,
then I will _____
_____. 2 Chronicles 7:19,20.
7. Solomon's kingdom was a type/picture of the great time to come when Christ will reign
for 1,000 years (Millennium), and the earth will be full _____
_____ Isaiah 11:9.
8. If we, the members of the Body of Christ, endure, _____
_____. 2 Timothy 2:12.
9. While we are waiting to be caught up to be forever with the Lord, God wants us to be
_____ for Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:20.
10. Write Romans 8:17: _____

_____.

LESSON 16 – CAPTIVITY DEVIATION

Kings and Chronicles

THEME: To show that true happiness comes only if we know and obey God.

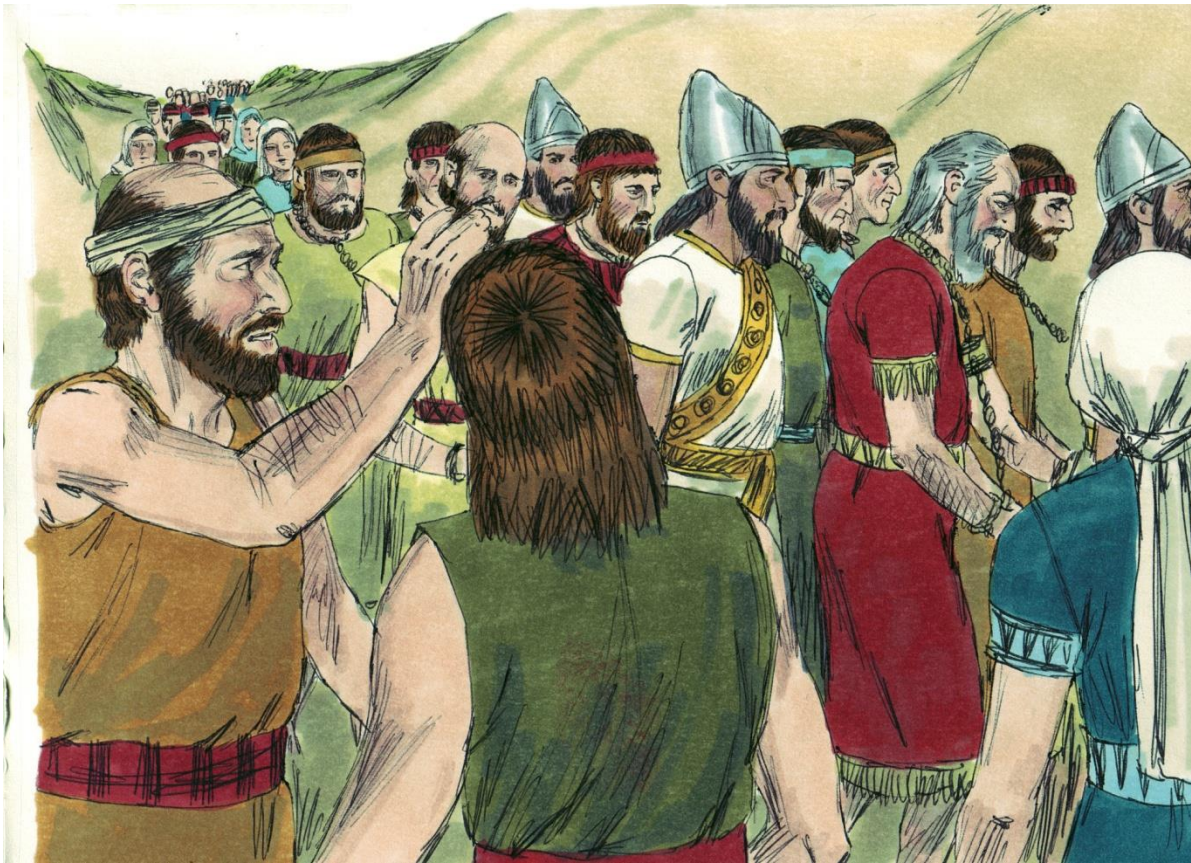
What is the difference between obedience and disobedience? When we are obedient we do what we are instructed to do. When we disobey, we trespass, violate or fail to obey an order or command.

What is the difference between happiness and unhappiness? Happiness is the excitement we feel when we enjoy good things. Unhappiness is just the opposite. Can we be happy when we are disobedient? No, because we have a guilty conscience; then too, disobedience always brings some kind of punishment, not only to the one who commits the wrong, but to others also.

When the Lord established between Himself and the sons of Israel the statutes and ordinances and laws through Moses at Mount Sinai (Leviticus 26:46), He said to them that if they walk in His statutes and keep His commandments so as to carry them out, He shall give them rains in their season (Leviticus 26:3,4). He shall also grant peace in the land and eliminate harmful beasts from the land. They would chase their enemies and these would fall before them by the sword. Leviticus 26:6,7. But if instead, they reject His statutes, and if their soul abhors His ordinances so as not to carry out all His commandments, and so break His covenant, He will do the following to them: He will appoint over them a sudden terror, consumption and fever that will waste away the eyes and cause the soul to pine away. Also, they will sow their seed uselessly, for their enemies will eat it up. He will set His face against them so that they will be struck down before their enemies; and those who hate them will rule over them, and they will flee when no one is pursuing them. Leviticus 26:14-17.

King Solomon knew God's commandments but he began to disobey. He loved many foreign women from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the sons of Israel, "You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods." Solomon held fast to these in love. He had 700 wives of royal birth and 300 concubines, and when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been. 1 Kings 11:1-4. The Lord became angry and said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you." The Lord raised up adversaries to Solomon and also a man called Jeroboam rebelled against the king. 1 Kings 11:26. Solomon reigned for 40 years in Jerusalem over all Israel and when he died, his son Rehoboam became king. 1 Kings 11:42,43.

After Solomon's death Jerobeam came back from Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of king Solomon. And Jerobeam and all the assembly of Israel spoke to Rehobeam, saying, "Your father made our yoke hard; now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you." 1 Kings 12:2-4. Rehobeam said "Whereas my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke." 1 Kings 12:14. Israel rebelled and the kingdom was divided into a northern part, the kingdom of Israel, and a southern part, the kingdom of Judah. 1 Kings 12:16-20.



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Jerobeam became the first king of the northern part, the kingdom of Israel. He sinned greatly and the kings who came after him followed in his steps. At last, as prophet Hosea foretold, God sent the promised judgment: the Assyrian army came, besieged Samaria for 3 years, and finally carried them away as captives to the land of Assyria. "Now this came about because the sons of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God." 2 Kings 17:1-7. You can see why KINGDOM HIGHWAY on our chart is curved now because of sin.

In the kingdom of Judah most of the kings which followed king Rehobeam were also wicked. Only a few did right in the sight of the Lord.

One of them was Hezekiah who clung to the Lord; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the Lord had commanded Moses. 2 Kings 18:6. Amazing is the story when God added fifteen years to Hezekiah's life after he became mortally ill. 2 Kings 20:1-6. But most kings of Judah ignored God's words and His messengers, the prophets. The last king of Judah was Zedekiah. He was foolish and disobedient because he rebelled against the king of Babylon. 2 Kings 24:20. Jeremiah the prophet warned: "This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years." Jeremiah 25:11.

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came with all his army against Jerusalem. King Zedekiah tried to escape but was captured. They slaughtered his sons before his eyes and then put his eyes out. They bound him with bronze shackles and brought him to Babylon. 2 Kings 25:1-7. We call this CAPTIVITY DEVIATION on our chart. Nebuzaradan, the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, burned the house of the Lord, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every great house he burned with fire. His soldiers broke down the walls around Jerusalem. 2 Kings 25:8-10. The bronze pillars, and the stands and the bronze sea which were in the house of the Lord, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and carried the bronze to Babylon. They also took away the silver and gold of the temple. 2 Kings 25:13-21.

After 70 years, God, according to His promise to the exiles in Babylon (Jeremiah 29:10), allowed them to return to their land. But the kingdom was gone.

Do you understand what terrible consequences disobedience to God brings? Not only Solomon and the other kings were unhappy, but they also brought problems to their whole nation. In Romans 6:16 God tells us that we are the servants of the one whom we obey. If we disobey God's Word, are we serving ourselves or God? God wants us to know Him and to obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 2 Thessalonians 1:8. He wants children to obey their parents. Ephesians 6:1-3. God wants all of us to obey Him unto righteousness. Romans 6:16-17. God will not allow the rejection of His beloved Son to go on forever. This present dispensation of grace will not continue on indefinitely. It has lasted now for more than 1950 years, but He will bring it to a close and speak to this Christrejecting world in His wrath. Psalm 2:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:3; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9. Therefore, NOW is "THE ACCEPTABLE TIME" ... NOW is "THE DAY OF SALVATION" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Who is your Master today? Sin or righteousness? Yield to Christ today as He alone can give true happiness.

MEMORY VERSE: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Ephesians 6:1.

LESSON 16 – WORK SHEET

Read Leviticus 26:1-13 and write down 6 of the blessings which God promised Israel if they walk in His statutes and keep His commandments.

1. Give _____
Grant _____
2. Eliminate _____
No _____
3. Turn _____
Walk _____

Read Leviticus 26:16,17,20,22,25,29,31,33,38 and write down 6 of the terrible chastisements or punishments which would come upon Israel if they disobeyed God and turned to idols.

4. Appoint _____
Set His face _____
5. Their strength _____
Let loose _____
6. Bring _____
Scatter _____
7. But God loved His people and said He would remember the _____
with their ancestors. Leviticus 26:45.
8. God tells us that we are the servants of _____.
Romans 6:16.
9. God wants us to _____
2 Thessalonians 1:8.
10. Write Ephesians 6:1: _____

_____.

LESSON 17 – THE PROPHETS SEE TWO MOUNTAIN PEAKS

1 Kings - Malachi

THEME: To show the difference between prophesied and unprophesied truth.

In this lesson we are going to cover a great distance on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*. We will look off into the distance at some mountain tops/peaks.

In our last lesson we traveled down CAPTIVITY DEVIATION with Israel. We saw how the people turned to idolatry and had to be punished for that sin. It was during this period that God called the prophets, men of God who spoke for God, to warn Israel of the judgment to come, and to comfort the obedient people with the promises of the coming Redeemer and King.

There was one thing, however, which the prophets could not understand. The apostle Peter spoke of it this way: "As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow." 1 Peter 1:10-11. They could not understand how the Promised One could be a glorious king and also a humble, suffering servant. On our chart we represent the suffering and the glory by two mountain peaks: CALVARY MOUNTAIN and HOLY KINGDOM MOUNTAIN.

If we take our Bibles we can read what some of the prophets foretold. Then we will pretend we are looking at those two mountain peaks. As you read the following prophecies, decide to which of these two mountains each prophecy (and its fulfillment) refers.

Betrayal _____ Zechariah 11:12-13 -> Matthew 26:15; 27:3-10

Vinegar and gall _____ Psalm 69:20-21-> Matthew 27:34, 48

Scoffed at _____ Psalm 22:7-8 -> Matthew 27:39

Nailed to the cross _____ Psalm 22:16 -> Matthew 27:35

Smitten on the cheek _____ Micah 5:1 -> Matthew 26:67; 27:30

Spit on and scourged _____ Isaiah 50:6 -> Matthew 26:67; 27:30

Death and burial _____ Isaiah 53:9 -> Matthew 27:57-60

Suffering for others _____ Isaiah 53:4-7 -> Matthew 26:63: 27:12-14

Numbered with transgressors ____ Isaiah 53:12 -> Mark 15:28

Coming in glory _____	Daniel 7:13
Universal kingdom _____	Daniel 7:14
Never-ending kingdom _____	Daniel 7:14
Of David's seed _____	1 Chronicles 17:11 -> Luke 1:32-33
All the earth to bow _____	Psalm 22:29
Smite the nations _____	Psalm 2:4-5
King in Zion over the heathen _____	Psalm 2:6-8
Wonderful Counselor _____	Isaiah 9:6-7
Reign with wisdom _____	Isaiah 11:1-4
Raised from the grave _____	Psalm 16:10 -> Acts 13:32-37



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It is not surprising that the prophets and the people were wondering about such strange contradictions. They could not see what we believers can see today. There has been a period of nearly 2000 years since CALVARY MOUNTAIN and we do not know how many more years it will be before HOLY KINGDOM MOUNTAIN. God is now doing something which was a secret hidden in Himself during the days of the prophets. The prophets did not know that Israel would reject their King and that God would cast Israel aside while He opened up a door of faith to the gentiles, those who are non-Jews.

The Dispensation of Grace, GRACE AIRPORT, was a secret. If you had lived back in the days of the prophets, no matter how much you searched and looked, you would not have seen this secret. But now, in this dispensation, the secret has been revealed. God used the apostle Paul to preach to the gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things. Ephesians 3:8,9.

Israel's King is coming again, but first SALVATION LINER will be caught up to meet Jesus in the air! 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

We read in 1 Peter 1:10-11 that the prophets searched carefully and inquired about these things. That is what God wants us to do when we do not understand things in His Word. The apostle Paul spoke of the believers in Berea who received the word with eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily. Acts 17:11.

Finally, the voice of the prophets stopped speaking because God was silent. The obedient prophets had the written Word / non-Greek Scriptures and as they searched, they hoped and waited for the arrival of the King. KINGDOM BOULEVARD became twisted, destroyed and neglected. It was a highway in the darkness of sin, which hung over the world in those silent days. In the next lesson *A Voice* will suddenly break the stillness.

Do you examine the Scriptures daily? If you do not, it is time to begin. How should you study to present yourself approved to God? By rightly dividing the Word of Truth. 2 Timothy 2:15. By doing so, you will discover that only in the letters of the apostle Paul we, the Body of Christ, find the wonderful truths and promises which God has given to us. That only in the letters of the apostle Paul we find the instructions to live the righteous life which pleases God.

MEMORY VERSE: "Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so." Acts 17:11.

LESSON 17 – WORK SHEET

According to 1 Peter 1:10,11 the prophets told about two things concerning Christ. What are they?

1. _____
2. _____

There are some Scripture references listed below. Find them and write them under the mountain to which they refer:

Psalm 69:21

Psalm 2:4-5

Isaiah 53:4-6

Psalms 22:29

Micah 5:1

Psalm 2:6-8

CALVARY MOUNTAIN

HOLY KINGDOM MOUNTAIN

3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. What does 1 Peter 1:10 say that the prophets did in trying to understand these things?

7. What does Paul say that the believers in Berea did in order to see if the things he preached were true? Acts 17:11. _____.
8. What does God want us to do in order to understand the Word? 2 Timothy 2:15.
_____.
9. Why was it that the prophets did not see the Dispensation of Grace? Ephesians 3:5
_____.
10. Write Acts 17:11: _____

_____.

REVISION / REVIEW

Draw on a separate sheet of paper the part of THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE as far as we have traveled in our lessons.

LESSON 18 – BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU

Matthew - Mark - Luke - John

THEME: To teach the identification of Christ with His people.

After the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem by the prophet Nehemiah, there was silence from God through His prophets for more than 450 years. Had God forgotten His promises? Would the King come? Suddenly a voice broke into the stillness! The voice was the prophet, John the Baptist. He spoke: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand...make ready the way of the Lord, make His paths straight!" Matthew 3:2-3. KINGDOM HIGHWAY had to be made straight for the coming of the King.

About thirty years before John came telling this message, a baby had been born in Bethlehem. His name was called JESUS, which means "Yahweh is salvation" or "Yahweh saves" for He was to save His people from their sins. Matthew 1:21-23. For about 30 years very little was heard of the child born in Bethlehem until John the Baptist came preaching: "Repent!" "Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the district around the Jordan; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins." Matthew 3:5-6. The baptism with water, as they confessed their sins, was the way Israel was to make straight KINGDOM HIGHWAY and make ready for their King.

When John saw Jesus coming to him, he said: "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"! John 1:29. Actually, John did not want to baptise Jesus, but we can see what Jesus replied in Matthew 3:15. Afterwards Jesus was led up by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted afterwards three times by the devil. For every temptation, Jesus quoted the Word of God and then the devil left Him. Are you able to quote God's Word to stand temptations?

Afterwards Jesus began preaching: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Matthew 4:17. Jesus proved Himself to be the Son of God, the King in truth. He was the One the prophets had foretold would come. He worked mighty miracles, healed the sick and the blind, calmed the waves and walked on the sea, casted out demons, and even raised the dead. He chose 12 disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease, and every kind of sickness. Matthew 10:1. He sent them out with orders quite different from those that preachers receive today. We note here Jesus' instructions to the 12 disciples: "Do not go in the way of the gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans; but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel...saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'...Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. Do not acquire gold, or silver,...or even two coats, or sandals" Matthew 10:5-10.



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One day, a strange incident occurred. On our chart we have been traveling KINGDOM HIGHWAY giving no attention to the gentiles on GENTILE BYWAY. Israel was the channel through which God was working ever since He gave up the gentiles a long time back at the tower of Babel.

Jesus was in the district of Tyre and Sidon when a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed." But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, "Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us." But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once.

The complete story is found in Matthew 15:21-28 and in Mark 7:24-30. This gentile woman had heard of the power of the Lord Jesus and had come over from GENTILE BYWAY

to ask for a blessing. Jesus honoured her faith, although it was not yet the time prophesied for full blessings to be shared with gentiles in the Kingdom.

“Behold your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on a donkey” Matthew 21:5. Israel had called Jesus from Nazareth the Son of David, but the chief priests and scribes were much displeased. Matthew 21:15. Thus the nation of Israel did not any longer welcome their King.

We look back to the baptism of Jesus. Why was He baptised? The Bible says in Matthew 3:15: “to fulfill all righteousness.” Baptism was a picture/sign to Israel of washing away their sins. Acts 22:16. Jesus had no sins, but He was in the world at this time, beginning to take the sinners’ place, and had to be made in all things like His brethren, so that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God (Hebrews 2:17) to give us His perfect righteousness.

The Scriptures teach that Jesus was a Prophet, a great Teacher, the King of Israel, the Messiah, and at His baptism we see him coming as High Priest to the kingdom of priests – the nation of Israel: “and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” Exodus 19:6. “But you will be called the priests of the Lord; you will be spoken of as ministers of God. You will eat the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.” Isaiah 61:6. And in 1 Peter 2:9,12 we read: “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,...Keep your behaviour excellent among the gentiles...” When priests were ordained, the Law prescribed certain rituals to be followed, including washing them with water (Exodus 29:4). That ceremonial washing was performed at Jesus’ baptism. All who entered the service to do the work in the tent of meeting were required to be at least 30 years old. Numbers chapter 4. Chapters 3 through 10 of the epistle to the Hebrews and Psalm 110:4 tell how God the Father designated His own Son the Perfect High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

In our next lesson we will see how Christ went all the way to death on Calvary’s cross to complete the work of becoming sin for us. That work is finished and you may be saved by simply believing that He died for your sins, was buried and was raised on the third day. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.

MEMORY VERSE: “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” 2 Corinthians 5:21.

LESSON 18 – WORK SHEET

Fill in the blanks in the following statements.

1. After more than 450 years of silence from God through His prophets, Israel heard the voice of _____ saying _____.
Matthew 3:1-3.
2. Israel prepared for the coming King by _____.
_____. Matthew 3:6.
3. John said that he baptised with water for repentance, but the One coming after him would baptise with _____. Matthew 3:11.
4. Jesus said that He was baptised in order to fulfill all _____.
Matthew 3:15.
5. Jesus gave His disciples power to perform miracles in order to prove that the King and the Kingdom of Heaven were truly at hand. Name these miracles from Matthew 10:8:

Look up the references and answer the following WHY questions?

6. WHY did Jesus tell His disciples *not to go to the gentiles*? Mark 7:27.

7. WHY did Jesus finally honour the request of the gentile woman? Matthew 15:28.

8. WHY is this portion of *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE* called KINGDOM HIGHWAY? Matthew 21:5 _____
9. WHY is it *not necessary* for those who live in the Dispensation of Grace to be baptised with water in order to receive righteousness? Acts 22:16. _____

10. Write 2 Corinthians 5:21: _____

_____.

LESSON 19 – CALVARY’S MOUNTAIN SHADOWS KINGDOM HIGHWAY

Matthew - Mark - Luke - John

THEME: To teach the identification of believers with Christ in death, burial and resurrection.

We are coming closer and closer to the first mountain peak which the Prophets saw. It is called MOUNT CALVARY. In our last lesson we saw John the Baptist preparing the way for the King by calling the Israelites to repentance and baptism. Then we saw a strange thing as the Saviour submitted Himself to water baptism, where Jesus showed Himself to be one with His people. *He identified Himself with His people.* Today we will see that upon Mount Calvary, Christ had another baptism, a baptism without water as John had baptised Him, but a baptism into death.

Shortly before His entrance into Jerusalem riding upon a colt, the foal of a beast of burden (Matthew 21:5), Jesus asked His disciples: “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” Matthew 16:13-19 speaks about this. Christ called the believing Israelites His church. Matthew 16:18. The word ‘church’ means *a called out group*. In the Kingdom, Israel will be a nation of priests to lead the gentiles to Christ the King. Such a separated group will be a church, the Kingdom Church. It was to be built upon Christ Himself, who is the chief cornerstone, and Peter was given the keys to first open the door of faith to the Jews.

Shortly after Christ made this promise to Peter, He began to reveal that He must first die, before the Kingdom could be established. Matthew 16:21. Christ spoke of His coming suffering and death as a baptism. It was His *death baptism*. Luke 12:50. The time was coming closer and closer when the Saviour-King was to suffer His death baptism.

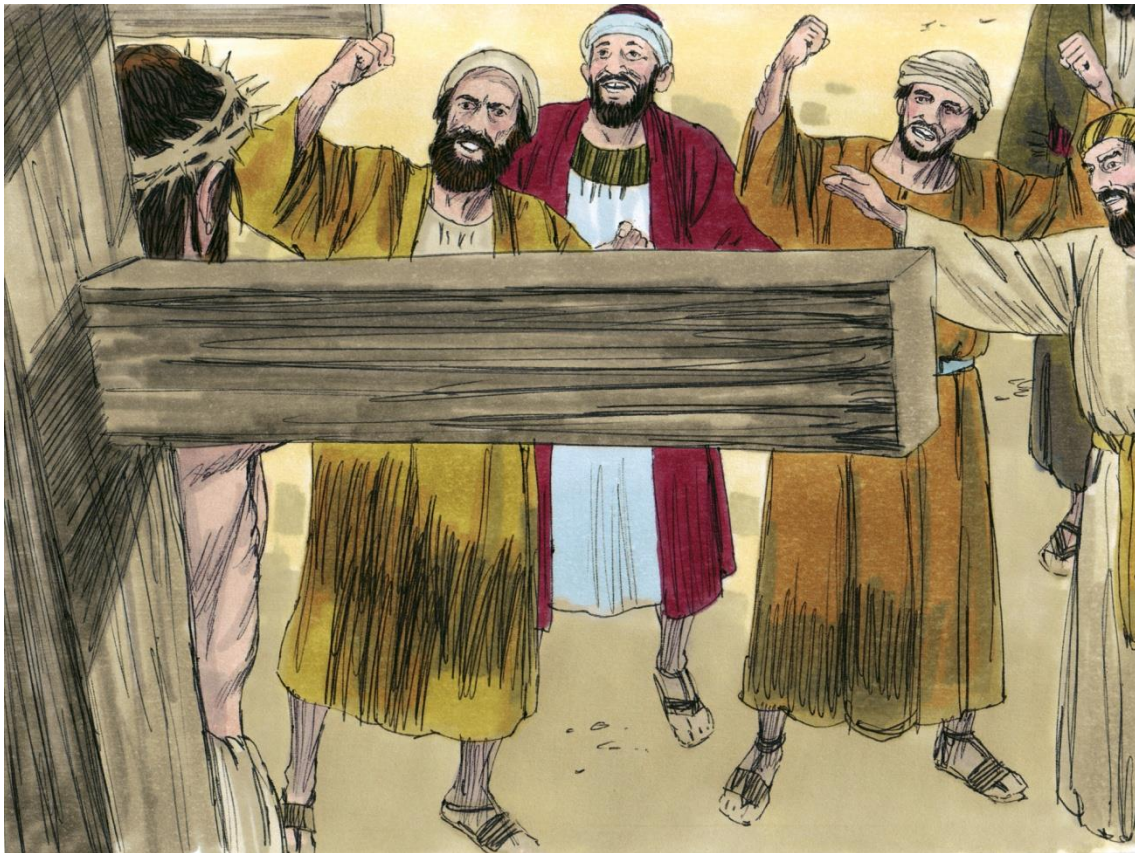
One day Jesus said to the disciples: “You know that after two days the Passover (the remembrance of the PASSOVER on PROMISE ROAD) is coming, and the Son of Man is to be handed over for crucifixion.” Matthew 26:1-2. As Jesus and the disciples ate the Passover feast, Jesus said: “Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me.” Matthew 26:21-25. After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. There, in the Garden of Gethsemane, it was that Jesus prayed: “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.” Matthew 26:36-45.

Afterwards, while He was still speaking to the disciples, Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a large crowd with swords and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people, to arrest Him. Matthew 26:47-56.

Jesus was brought before Caiaphas, the high priest, and was falsely accused. The high priest said to Him, “I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ,

the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see the THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.” Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy; what do you think? They answered, “He deserves death!” Matthew 26:57-68.

Then Jesus was brought before Pilate, the governor of Judea, who asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered: “It is as you say.” Matthew 27:11. The soldiers of the governor stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on Him, and took the reed and began to beat Him on the head. All was happening just as the prophets had prophesied the suffering on MOUNT CALVARY. Matthew 27:27-30.



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Afterwards they led Him away to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall, and nailed Him to the cross. The soldiers put above His head a sign which read: "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS." Matthew 27:33-37.

At that time two robbers were crucified with Jesus, one on the right and one on the left. Matthew 27:38. One of them chose the way of life, the other the way of death. While the last one mocked Him, the first one said, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in paradise." It was now about the sixth hour (12 noon), and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour (3:00 PM), because the sun was obscured. And the veil of the temple was torn in two. Luke 23:39-45. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" John 19:30. And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last. Luke 23:46. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock. A large stone was rolled against the entrance of the tomb. Matthew 27:57-60. The promised King was dead and the rulers of Israel thought they were rid of Jesus forever.

One day passed, a second day passed, and on the third day our Saviour rose from the dead! Matthew 26:1-8.

Did Jesus deserve to die? No. The wages of sin is death, but Jesus never sinned. He could have lived forever, but we see:

1. It was *our sins* which nailed Jesus to the cross. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. He carried our sins and wore the scarlet robe of humility so that we might wear a robe of righteousness.
2. Jesus wore a *crown of thorns* so that we might wear a crown of righteousness. 2 Timothy 4:8.
3. Jesus *died our death*. Then He arose, and now He gives us His resurrection life. Romans 6:4. At the moment we trust Jesus as Saviour, the Holy Spirit baptises us into the Body of Christ, Christ's Church of today. Then we are identified with Christ so that His death baptism becomes our baptism, His burial our burial, and His resurrection our resurrection. Thus as new creations in Christ we should walk in newness of life.

MEMORY VERSE: "Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." Romans 6:4.

LESSON 19 – WORK SHEET

The following statements are either True or False. Find the Bible references and write inside the brackets a (T) for those that are true, and a (F) for those that are false.

1. () The prophets saw Christ suffering for our sins on Mount Calvary. Psalm 22:16.
2. () Christ spoke of His coming death as a baptism. Luke 12:50.
3. () Pilate asked Jesus if He was the King of the whole world. Matthew 27:11
4. () Christ had to die because He sinned. 1 Corinthians 15:3, Hebrews 7:26.
5. () At the moment we trust Christ as Saviour, we are baptised into His death. Romans 6:3-4.
6. () Only the Spirit of Christ arose from the grave. Luke 24:37-39.
7. () We, believers in Christ, are not only baptised into Christ's death, but we are raised up with Him in newness of life. Romans 6:4.
8. () The baptism of the Holy Spirit makes us, believers in Christ, members of a church here on the earth. 1 Corinthians 12:13.

9. Write a brief description of the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ. _____

10. Write Romans 6:4: _____

LESSON 20 – PETER DIRECTS TRAFFIC ON KINGDOM HIGHWAY

Acts 1 - 7

THEME: To teach the responsibility of believers to witness for Christ.

What a joyful day it must have been when the disciples received the news that Jesus was alive. He appeared to more than 500 brethren at one time besides His apostles and James. 1 Corinthians 15:6,7. This happened by many convincing proofs over a period of forty days and He spoke to them of the things concerning the kingdom of God. He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the baptism with the Holy Spirit. When the apostles had come together, they were asking Him, saying “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” Acts 1:3-8.

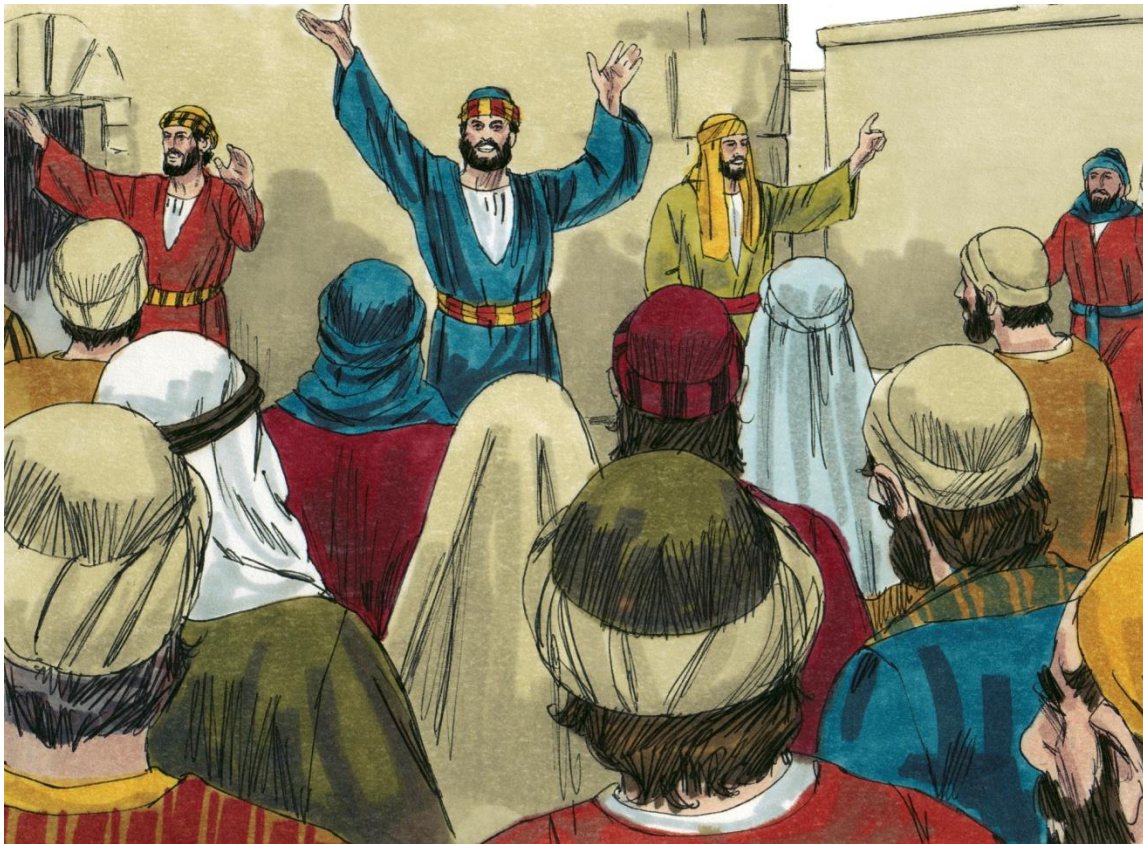
God was giving Israel an opportunity to receive their risen Lord, a basis for setting up the KINGDOM to which KINGDOM HIGHWAY leads, because that was the way the promised blessings of God could come upon the whole world. Why was God being so gracious and giving Israel another chance to repent after they had crucified His Son? It was because:

4. Christ prayed on the cross: “Father, forgive them.” Luke 23:34.
5. It is recorded in Luke 13:6-9 that for three years Christ, while on earth, came to Israel, the fig tree, to find fruit; but found none. We read in this parable that Israel got another year to bear fruit.
6. God wanted to give a final test to Israel to prove their hearts. They permitted the murder of John the Baptist and they demanded the Crucifixion of Christ. Now God wanted to see what they would do when the Holy Spirit was sent.

After the Ascension the apostles returned to Jerusalem and went there to an upper room. There they choose Matthias to replace Judas Iscariot following his betrayal of Jesus and his suicide. Acts 1:15-26.

Pentecost is the 50th day after the Sabbath of Passover week. Leviticus 23:15-16. It is also called the Feast of Weeks (Deuteronomy 16:10) and the Feast of the Harvest (Exodus 23:16). When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak of the mighty deeds of God in different languages. Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven, who were amazed and astonished that they could hear them in their own language. Acts 2:1-13.

The apostle Peter raised then his voice and declared to them: “This is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel.” He then used the prophecies mentioned in Joel 2:28-32, Psalm 16:8-11, Psalm 132:11 and Psalm 110:1 to explain to them that the Jesus whom they crucified is both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. Acts 2:14-41.



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They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor

with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47.

Now would seem to be the best time for the King to return. Acts 3:19-21. But the rulers of Israel did not want to repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. They did not want KINGDOM HIGHWAY to be ready for the King. The healing of the lame beggar at the gate of the temple caused them to begin to persecute the apostles. The priests, the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees laid hands on Peter and John and put them in jail. Acts 4:1-3. After threatening them, they let them go. Acts 4:21. But Peter and John could not stop speaking about what they have seen and heard. And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number. Acts 5:14. The high priest, along with all his associates (that is the sect of the Sadducees) were filled with jealousy. They laid hands on the apostles and put them in a public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord let them out. Acts 5:17-19.

Finally the rulers of Israel stoned faithful Stephen. The witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul. Falling on his knees, Stephen cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep. Acts 7.

What will God do now, since the rulers of Israel are rejecting the risen Lord and resisting His Holy Spirit? Jesus had predicted His rejection by Israel. Matthew 21:42-46. He had said in Matthew 12:31 that blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. Again unbelief is going to block traffic on KINGDOM HIGHWAY, even as happened back at Kadesh in the wilderness. Unbelief always brings sorrow and trouble. The apostles saw the risen Christ, and because they saw Him, they believed, becoming powerful witnesses.

Today we believers who live at GRACE AIRPORT have not seen with our eyes the risen Christ, but we have the record of His death, burial and resurrection on the third day in the Bible. God expects us to believe His Word and to become witnesses of what is in the Word. 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16; Hebrews 4:12.

Peter became a good traffic policeman. He pointed the Jews to Christ as the only way of salvation. What kind of traffic policeman are you? God wants each of us to direct people to get aboard SALVATION LINER. Peter preached: "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

MEMORY VERSE: "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

LESSON 20 – WORK SHEET

Look up the Scripture references and you will find the answers to the following WHAT questions.

1. WHAT did the apostles ask the Lord Jesus about the KINGDOM when He appeared to them after His resurrection? Acts 1:6. _____

2. WHAT did the Lord Jesus answer? Acts 1:7. _____

3. WHAT did the Lord Jesus tell the apostles they would receive when the Holy Spirit came upon them? Acts 1:8. _____
4. WHAT were the apostles to become? Acts 1:8. _____

5. WHAT did Peter on the Day of Pentecost tell the Israelites to do? Acts 2:38. _____

6. WHAT was the reason that God gave the Israelites another opportunity to repent, after they had crucified Christ? Luke 23:34 _____

7. WHAT promise was made to Peter? Matthew 16:19. _____

8. WHAT promise is made to us which should make us desire to labor for our Lord even as Peter did? 1 Corinthians 3:8. _____

9. WHAT is the message which we under GRACE are to give out as we direct travel in GRACE AIRPORT, and invite people to get aboard SALVATION LINER? Romans 10:9,10. _____

10. Write Acts 4:12: _____

LESSON 21 – SAUL’S AMAZING CONVERSION

Acts 8 and 9

THEME: To present the call of Christ to service.

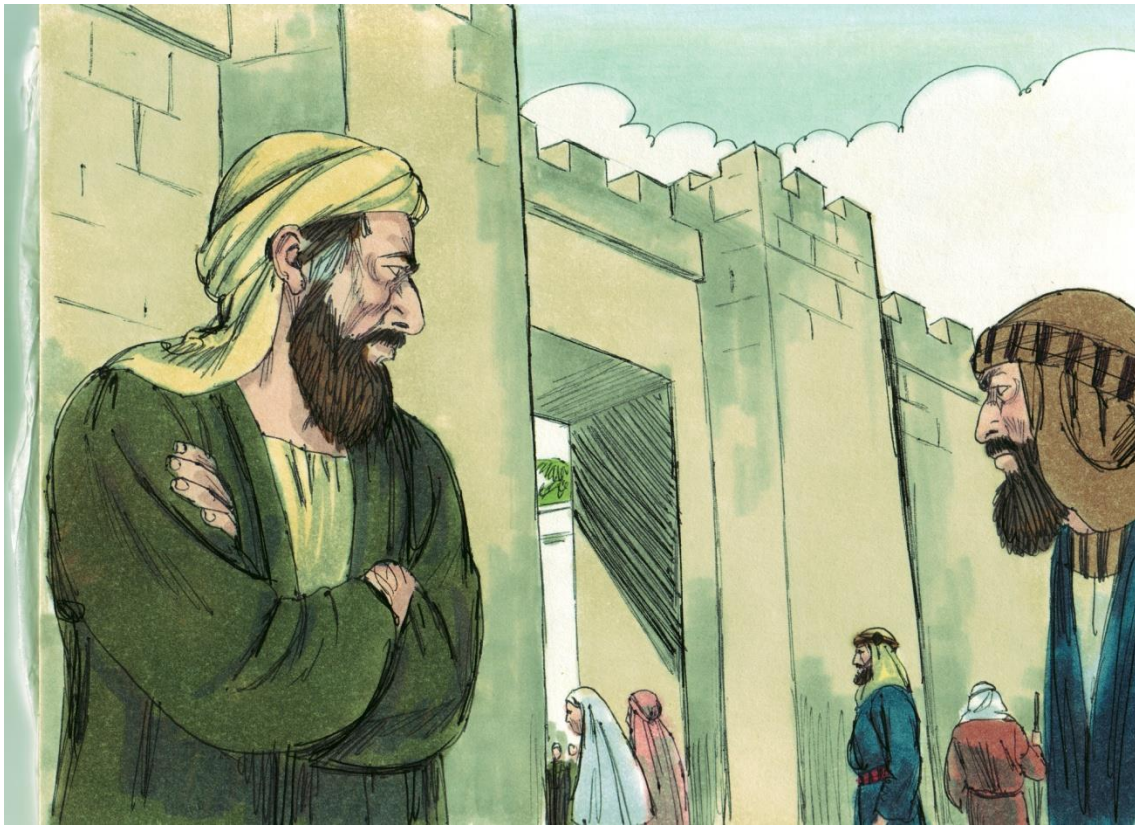
Before we begin our journey today, we must look back at CONFUSION CORNERS. Back there mankind gave up God, so God in turn gave them up. Romans 1:24-28. Then He chose one man, Abram, to begin an entirely new dealing with men. Genesis 12:1-3. Mankind turned away to GENTILE BYWAY. Only Abram followed God on PROMISE ROAD. Acts 7:2-4. This lesson begins on KINGDOM HIGHWAY, and now we will see how Israel continues to reject God’s offer of the Kingdom and how God called out a *new* apostle, so not one of the 12 apostles, to begin something totally new for both Jew and Gentile.

When Stephen was being stoned, there was a man standing nearby guarding the robes of those throwing the stones. His name was Saul. Acts 7:58. Saul was a born Hebrew of the tribe of Benjamin (Philippians 3:5) and a native of Tarsus (Acts 9:11), the capital city in the Roman province of Cilicia. So he was both a Hebrew and a Roman. He was brought up in Jerusalem, educated under Gamaliel. Acts 22:3. He was a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees (Acts 23:6) and in hearty agreement with putting Stephen to death. And on the day of Stephen’s death a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and its believers were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. Some devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him. But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, putting them in prison. Acts 8:1-3.

But then we read about Saul ‘s amazing conversion on the road to Damascus in Acts 9:1-16. The Lord tells Ananias in Damascus: “Go to Saul, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.” Acts 9:15. Thus Saul is chosen as the one to bear the Lord’s name among the Gentiles, kings and the sons of Israel. Then too, he is chosen to suffer, to suffer many things for the Lord’s name. Saul had a special ministry of suffering, but he later wrote that he counted it as a privilege to suffer for Christ’s sake. Philippians 1:29. How about you? Do you consider it a privilege to suffer for Christ’s sake?

Immediately Saul began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues of Damascus, saying “He is the Son of God.” All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, “Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and who had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?” But Saul kept confounding the Jews by proving that this Jesus is the Christ. Acts 9:20-22.

The unbelieving Jews were not going to receive the testimony of Saul. The Bible says in Acts 9:23 that after “many days” they plotted together to do away with him. The phrase “many days” is quite elastic enough to make up the three years in which Saul went away to Arabia. During those years he was receiving revelations from the risen Jesus Christ concerning the new gospel which he was to proclaim. Galatians 1:11-17. The plot of the Jews became known to Saul. Though they watched the city gates night and day to kill him, Saul’s disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket. Acts 9:24-25.



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When Saul came to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. But Barnabas, a Levite of Cyprian birth, took hold of Saul and brought him to the apostles. From Galatians 1:19 we learn that all the apostles were away except Peter and James, the Lord’s brother. James was not one of the twelve, but he held a position in Jerusalem comparable to that of an apostle. Barnabas described to them how Saul had seen the Lord on the road on the road to Damascus, and that he had talked to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.

It was on the road to Damascus that Saul first saw the glorified Lord and heard those tender words, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" But not only did the Lord reveal Himself *to Saul* from heaven, He revealed Himself *to the world* through Paul, the latin name of Saul. In Galatians 1:12, he says he got his message "by a revelation of Jesus Christ," but in verses 15 and 16 he says that it pleased God, "TO REVEAL HIS SON IN ME." What a revelation to the world and to Israel when God saved Saul, His blaspheming enemy! He did it to show that He wanted all to be reconciled, "that He may show mercy to all" (Romans 11:32). The Beloved Son had been rejected but God postponed the day of judgment and instead revealed Christ in matchless grace, through the conversion of the foremost of sinners.

Now that Saul had seen Christ and tasted of the riches of His grace, he was a new man. Even before God he was a new man, for God did not behold him as the wicked blasphemer and murderer, but viewed him now *in Christ*, who had died in his place (2 Corinthians 5:17). And not only was Paul now *in Christ*, but *Christ was in Paul*! Paul says in Galatians 1:15,16: "...God...was pleased TO REVEAL HIS SON IN ME."

Christ once died in Paul's stead. Now Paul stands in Christ's stead, pleading with sinners to be reconciled to God. It is as if he said: "Christ could not be here. You didn't want Him. But I am here in His place." See 2 Corinthians 5:20: "We beg you ON BEHALF OF CHRIST, be reconciled to God." This is doubtless what Paul had in mind when he said "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His Body, that is, the church." Colossians 1:24. Christ's *vicarious* suffering was over and the moment was there to judge this wicked world. But instead of that He said to the chief persecutor: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And from then on Saul the persecutor became Saul the persecuted, and he bore it gladly to show forth the grace of the rejected Christ. He called it "the fellowship of His sufferings" (Philippians 3:10), and "filling up" that which remained of the afflictions of Christ.

Paul, the new man in Christ, reminds us of the "one new man" God is now forming of reconciled Jews and Gentiles (Ephesians 2:14-16). Paul is the pattern. Like Paul, we too stand before God in Christ, "complete in Him" (Colossians 2:10), because He died in our stead. And as we stand before God *in Christ*, so Christ stands before the world *in us*, as we beg men "on behalf of Christ" to be reconciled to God. And so God still reveals His Son to the world through sinners saved by grace.

MEMORY VERSE: "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20.

LESSON 21 – WORK SHEET

1. Back at the tower of Babel called CONFUSION CORNERS on our chart, something happened to the Gentiles because they rebelled against God. See what it was by looking up the following Scriptures:

Romans 1:24: _____.

Romans 1:26: _____.

Romans 1:28: _____.

2. Stephen said that Israel was guilty of what three things? Acts 7:51-52.

You are always _____.

Your _____ announced the coming of the Righteous One. They were now the _____ and _____ of Christ.

3. Israel quickly becomes as bad as the Gentiles, so God prepares to do a new thing. His first step is to conclude or shut up all _____ that He may _____ all. Romans 11:32.

4. The man at whose feet the killers laid their robes while they stoned Stephen was _____. Acts 7:58.

5. Christ told Ananias that Saul was to bear His name to three groups of people. Name them. Acts 9:15-16. _____.

6. Not only was Paul now *in Christ*, but *Christ was in Paul*! Paul says in Galatians 1:15,16: _____.

7. God spoke to Saul from Heaven. How does He speak to us who live over at GRACE AIRPORT? Romans 10:17. _____.

8. What is an AMBASSADOR? Look up the word in a dictionary and write a brief definition. _____.

9. According to 2 Corinthians 5:20, what should we be doing? _____.

10. Write 2 Corinthians 5:20: _____

LESSON 22 – PETER CROSSES OVER TO GENTILE BYWAY

Acts 10

THEME: To show the differences and the similarities in Peter's and Paul's gospels.

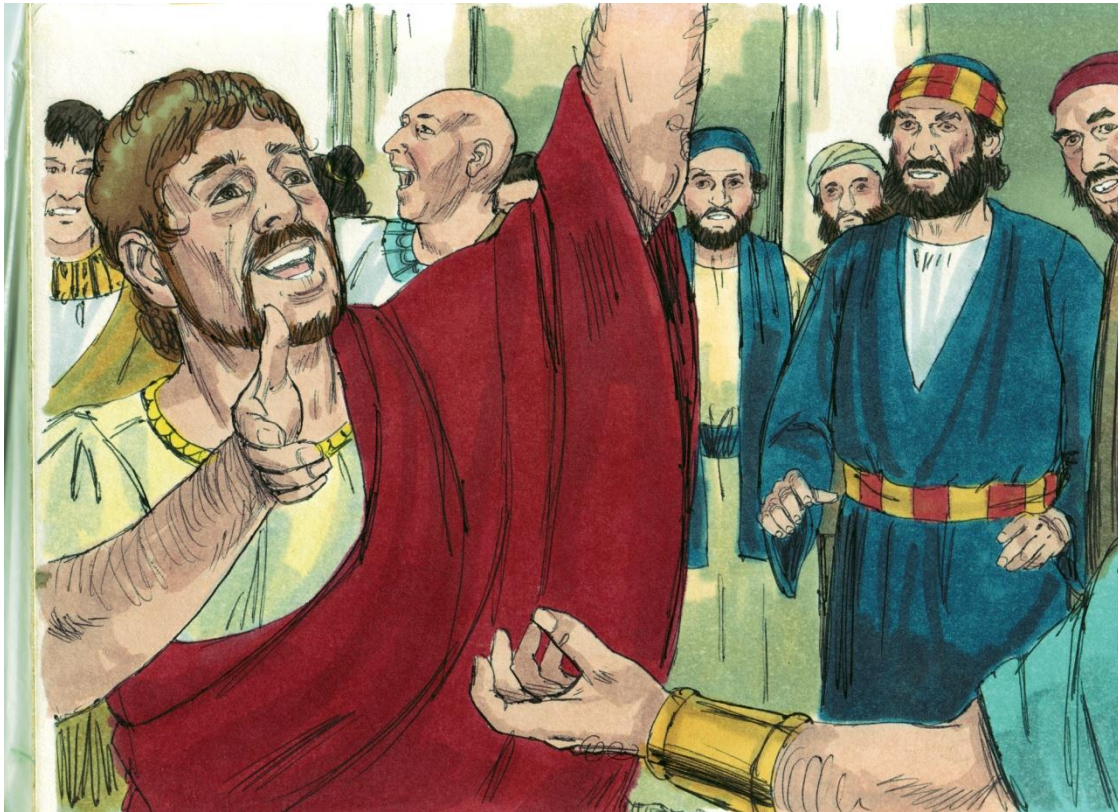
If you look at an orange and a mango, how many ways can you name in which these fruits are different? In colour? In taste? In shape? In how many ways are they alike or similar? Both are round, both are fruits, both are good to eat, etc. Today we are going to see how Peter's gospel (good news) differed from Paul's gospel. We shall also see that they were alike in some ways.

Peter was still enjoying his office as Traffic Director on KINGDOM HIGHWAY. He was under the Law and directing only one kind of people into the Kingdom: *the Jews*, Acts 2:36. He and the other apostles were proving their authority by signs and wonders. Acts 3:1-10, Acts 5:12-16. But then in Acts 9:43 we read that Peter stayed many days in Joppa with a tanner named Simon. Now there was a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the Jewish people and prayed to God continually. His prayers and alms ascended as a memorial before God and an angel of God instructed Cornelius to dispatch some men to Joppa, send for Peter to come to his house and hear a message from Peter. Just before the three men arrived at Simon's house, Peter had a vision in which God showed him that he should not call any man unholy or unclean. So the next day Peter went away with them even though it was unlawful for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him. Acts 10:1-33.

With Cornelius, Peter crossed over to GENTILE BYWAY. Peter opened his mouth and explained how he understood now that God is not one to show partiality, but that in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him. Then he preached the word which He sent to the sons of Israel, the peace through Jesus Christ, Who is Lord of all; how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. How the Jews put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross and how God raised Him up on the third day; how Christ had shown Himself openly to chosen ones and had commanded them to preach to the people; that He was to be the Judge of the living and the dead; that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins. Acts 10:37-43.

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. The circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God.

Then Peter answered, "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?" And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Peter had been used by God to cross over to GENTILE BYWAY so the other disciples would know that God now approved sending the good news to the Gentiles.



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Today we live at GRACE AIRPORT. We realize that there are some things different in the messages of Peter and Paul. God tells us that we are to distinguish the things that differ. Philippians 1:10. We are told to rightly divide the Word of Truth. 2 Timothy 2:15.

DIFFERENCES

1. Peter was sent to Cornelius because Cornelius feared God and did what is right. Acts 10:2, 35. But Paul was given the gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24) because we, believers in Christ, were hopelessly lost sinners. Romans 3:10-18, Romans 5:8,10.
2. Those who were saved by Peter's gospel spoke in tongues which were given for a sign to the Jews. 1 Corinthians 1:22. Paul said that tongues would cease. 1 Corinthians 13:8.

3. Peter baptized with water to be saved. Mark 16:15-16. Paul says: “Christ did *not* send me to baptize.” 1 Corinthians 1:17. Many attempt to circumvent the obvious in this passage. Something like that all Paul meant by this statement was that preaching the gospel was the more important thing and that he delegated the less important task of baptizing to others. If Paul had delegated the baptizing to others, it would still have been under Paul’s authority that the people would have been baptized. This fact is evident from John 4:1,2 where “Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John, (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but his disciples were).” If it could be said that Jesus was baptizing when His disciples were actually doing the work, it could also be said that Paul was baptizing when he delegated this work to his helpers. Paul practiced a number of things connected with Israel’s Kingdom gospel. But as revelation progressed concerning the Body of Christ program, Paul finally declared in Ephesians 4:5: “There is one Lord, one faith and ONE baptism.” There can be no doubt as to which baptism is meant in Ephesians 4:5. 1 Corinthians 12:13 plainly states we are put into the Body of Christ by the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
4. Peter preached the Law, but Paul preached that Gentiles were not under law, but under grace. Romans 6:14.

SIMILARITIES

1. Both Peter and Paul preached forgiveness of sins through faith in Christ. Acts 10:43, Romans 3:22.
2. Both had a worldwide ministry: Peter for the establishing of the Kingdom; Paul for the calling out of the heavenly Body of Christ. Acts 1:8, 2 Corinthians 5:19.
3. Both promise the return of Christ: Peter tells of His coming to earth as King; Paul tells of His coming in the air to gather the Body to Himself. Acts 3:20, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

Peter preached to none but the Jews only until God revealed that He was no respecter of persons. It was given to Paul to show the full truth of the complete breaking down of all differences. Ephesians 2:14. Now God wants us to see that people of all colours and races need to be saved without religious works. They need to be saved individually through personal faith in the death, burial and resurrection on the third day of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

MEMORY VERSE: “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15.

LESSON 22 – WORK SHEET

Peter preached the Gospel (means good news) of the KINGDOM, whereas Paul was called to preach the Gospel (good news) of the BODY OF CHRIST. The aim of this lesson is to show the differences and the similarities of the two messages. Fill in the references given and you will see the importance to *rightly divide the word of truth*.

DIFFERENCES

PETER

PAUL

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| 1.-2. | Sent to Cornelius because he _____.
Acts 10:35 | Sent to the gentiles because they _____.
Romans 5:8 |
| 3.-4. | Those saved spoke with _____.
Acts 10:46 | Says that tongues _____
1 Corinthians 13:8 |
| 5.-6. | Baptized with _____.
Acts 10:47 | Says he was not sent to _____.
1 Corinthians 1:17 |

SIMILARITIES

- 7.-8. Fill in the blanks below and you will see how the messages of Peter and Paul were alike in many ways.

Both preached forgiveness of sins through _____ in the Lord Jesus Christ.
Acts 10:43, Romans 3:22.

Both had a ministry for all the _____. Acts 1:8, 2 Corinthians 5:19.
Peter for establishing the Kingdom; Paul for the calling out of the Body of Christ.

Both have a ministry of the _____ of Christ. Acts 3:20, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17. Peter tells of Christ's coming as King; Paul tells of Christ's coming as the Head to catch away the Body of Christ.

9. You are an Ambassador for Christ. How do you tell people to be saved? Write the Scripture references you would use: _____
_____.
10. Write 2 Timothy 2:15. _____

_____.

LESSON 23 – THE DOUBLE ROAD FROM GENTILE BYWAY TO GRACE HIGHWAY

Acts 13 - 28

THEME: To show that rejection of God's light brings darkness.

Do you know the biblical importance of the word *separate*? Two people may have a good friendship, yet they may separate to go to different schools or jobs or locations. In the Bible God separates both things and people for His special purposes. Israel was separated for the purpose of witnessing to all the world of the living God. Today we will study how Israel failed, and how Saul was separated by God for the working out of a new purpose.

After Saul's conversion he went into Arabia, then returned again to Damascus. Afterwards, he went up to Jerusalem where he became acquainted with Peter and where he was talking and arguing with the Hellenistic Jews; but they were attempting to put him to death. When the brethren learned of it, they brought Saul down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus. Later, when the news about the growing church in Syrian Antioch reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, they sent Barnabas off. After encouraging them, Barnabas left for Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch to minister with him and others. And the disciples in Antioch were first called Christians, which means "belonging to Christ". Galatians 1:17-18, Acts 9:29,30, Acts 11:19-26.

As the leaders of the church in Syrian Antioch ministered and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Acts 13:2. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to the island of Cyprus. At Paphos they found a magician, a Jewish false prophet whose name was Bar-Jesus, who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. But Bar-Jesus (type/picture of Israel) was opposing them, seeking to turn Sergius Paulus (type of Gentiles) away from the faith. But Saul, who was also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze on him, and called him a son of the devil, an enemy of all righteousness. He said that Bar-Jesus would be blind and not see the sun for a time. Acts 13:4-11. This is a picture of Israel being partially blinded until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. Romans 11:25. Then the proconsul believed when he saw what had happened. Even so the Gentiles are now saved through the fall of Israel.

They left Cyprus and traveled on to Perga and Pisidian Antioch. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue, the meeting place of the Jews, and sat down. After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, they were invited to say any word of exhortation for the people. Paul stood up and preached forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and that through

Him everyone who believes is justified from all things, from which you could not be justified through the Law of Moses. As Paul and Barnabas were going out, the people kept begging that these things might be spoken to them the next Sabbath. The next Sabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming. Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles." Acts 13:13-49. With that statement, Paul crossed over from the Jewish side of DOUBLE HIGHWAY to the Gentile side.



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During Paul's second missionary journey, he went to Corinth. And there he was solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed. But when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." Acts 18:1-6. Paul had crossed back again to the Gentile side of DOUBLE HIGHWAY.

Finally, Paul arrived as a prisoner at Rome. There he was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him. When the leading men of the Jews had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening. Some were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe. And when they did not agree with one another, Paul said, "The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah...Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will also listen." Acts 28:23-28. With the pronouncing of these words, a great STOP sign had been placed across KINGDOM HIGHWAY. Now, there is blindness on Israel. The KINGDOM is postponed while God works out His new, *secret* purpose.

Thus we see how a whole nation chose darkness instead of light. How can the world be blessed if Israel, God's channel of blessing, is blinded? However, if we look carefully at the chart, we see there is a turn at the end of DOUBLE HIGHWAY, a turn where we are now going to enter upon another glorious part of *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*. We call it GRACE HIGHWAY. Grace means unmerited favour, or gift of love, which God is now showing to *both Jews and Gentiles*, who deserved nothing because they both have and had given up God.

Something else we can observe here is the terrible consequence of rejecting God's Word. Could you be guilty of that today? When you do not obey the Word, you are rejecting it. Continued rejection of light brings darkness. The whole world today needs to be brought back to the light of God's Word. How? By believing the bad news that all sinners who die without Christ, deserve to die for their sins an *eternal* spiritual death, as well as a physical death. Romans 6:23. But by believing also the good news that "Christ died for our sins...was buried, and...was raised on the third day." 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. From that moment on, a person will be indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God. 2 Timothy 1:14, Romans 8:9,11. This blessing comes with a moral and spiritual obligation to be a godly host to the Royal Guest within us.

MEMORY VERSE: "In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit;" 1 Thessalonians 5:18,19.

LESSON 23 – WORK SHEET

11. Where was Saul when the Holy Spirit said: “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them”? Acts 13:2. _____.
12. To what island did they go? Acts 13:4. _____.
13. What were the two names of the Jewish magician they found in the town of Paphos? Acts 13:6, Acts 13:8. _____.
- 4.-6. Show that Saul’s experience with Bar-Jesus was a type/picture of what God’s dealings with Israel are today. Read Acts 13:7-11. Fill in the spaces and you will see the answer.
- Bar-Jesus _____ them (Paul and Barnabas). Acts 13:8.
 - The Jews (Israel) were filled with jealousy and _____ the things spoken by Paul. Acts 13:45.
 - Bar-Jesus was seeking to _____ the proconsul _____ from the faith. Acts 13:8.
 - Israel tried to keep Paul from _____ to the Gentiles. 1 Thessalonians 2:15,16.
 - Bar-Jesus was made _____ for a time. Acts 13:11.
 - Israel will be _____ until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. Romans 11:25.
 - Then the proconsul Sergius Paulus _____. Acts 13:12.
 - The Gentiles will also _____. Acts 28:28.
- 7.-8. Write the verses that show what Paul said when he crossed over from KINGDOM HIGHWAY to GENTILE BYWAY on DOUBLE HIGHWAY.
- Acts 13:46: _____.
 - Acts 18:6: _____.
 - Acts 28:28: _____.
9. According to 2 Thessalonians 2:10,12 what happens to those who do not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved? _____.
10. Write 1 Thessalonians 5:18,19: _____.

LESSON 24 – PAUL, THE PILOT OF SALVATION LINER

Epistles of Paul

THEME: To show the responsibility of the believer to make plain to everyone what is the dispensation/administration of the mystery of Ephesians 3:9.

Last time we left off where the STOP barrier had been placed across KINGDOM HIGHWAY, where we turned off into glorious GRACE HIGHWAY. What makes GRACE HIGHWAY different from the other roads we have been traveling on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*? Paul was chosen to write about *secrets, or mysteries* as God revealed them to him. His letters are called the Pauline epistles. They are in principle named for cities or areas where believers were located to whom Paul wanted to minister or had ministered, or the names of individual believers to whom he wrote.

One day, a man named Tychicus arrived at the church in the city of Ephesus, with a letter to the believers, a letter from the apostle Paul who was in prison. We base this on Ephesians 6:21-22: “But that you also may know about my circumstances, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make everything known to you. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know about us, and that he may comfort your hearts.” When the believers read this epistle, they found new and wonderful truths revealed in it. In the fourth chapter, Paul writes about the **SEVEN ONES**, which are very important for all believers in Christ to know. We should remember *all seven ones* as they are found in Ephesians 4:4-6:

1. **ONE BODY.** No longer is there Jew first, but now Jews and Gentiles become members of *one Church, one Body*, with Christ the Head, when they are saved. On the chart you see the BODY OF CHRIST is in the heavenly places, where Christ is seated, and when we, believers in Christ, became a part of His Body we were seated in the heavenly places with Him. Ephesians 2:6, 13-16.
2. **ONE SPIRIT.** The Holy Spirit baptized us into Christ’s death when we believed in the death, burial and resurrection on the third day of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He also raised us up with Christ to sit in the heavenly places, and sealed us securely and eternally in Christ so that nothing can separate us from Him. Ephesians 1:13; Romans 8:38,39. We need to understand that we have these spiritual blessings already even though we still live here on earth in our physical bodies.
3. **ONE HOPE OF OUR CALLING.** The Blessed Hope is that the Lord Himself will in one moment call up all the members of His Body, dead or alive, to be with Him forever. We use an airplane at GRACE AIRPORT to represent THE BODY OF CHRIST which will one day be caught up to be with Christ forever. In but a moment of time, faster than a

blink of the eye, our bodies will be changed to be like our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Titus 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54.

4. **ONE LORD.** Our Lord Jesus Christ is the One who loved us and gave Himself for our sins, who now prays and mediates for us, and whom we should glorify in all things. Galatians 1:4; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 10:31.
5. **ONE FAITH.** This is the body of truth which was delivered unto Paul by the Lord Jesus Christ for the Church of God which is THE BODY OF CHRIST. Ephesians 3:2-10; 1 Corinthians 12:27.
6. **ONE BAPTISM.** This is the baptism of the Spirit which baptizes us into and makes us members of THE BODY OF CHRIST. 1 Corinthians 12:13. Christ has many members of His Body, just as you have hands, feet, arms, but all work together directed by Christ the Head. Romans 12:5; Colossians 1:18.
7. **ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL.** God becomes our Father because we are one with His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. We are also fellow heirs with Him. Ephesians 1:11, 3:6.



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Do you see now why this is such a glorious part of *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*? To be made *one with Christ*, to become a part of Him, and all by grace, is surely something which none of the saints in other dispensations knew. Ephesians 3:5.

How do you think people should act who are part of Christ and called *sons of God* (Galatians 3:26)? Paul tells us that we should walk like saints. We should focus our mind/affection upon things above, even though our walk is here upon the earth. Colossians 3:2. Especially in Ephesians 4:17-32 and Colossians 3 we are instructed how that walk should be.

We should walk so that men about us know that we are the sons of God. One thing is certain – our stand for the truth will mean little if our conduct does not harmonize with our testimony. In Ephesians 2:1-2, the apostle reminds us that we were once “dead in our trespasses and sins, in which we formerly walked according to the course of this world...” But in Romans 6:4 he says that we have been raised to “walk in newness of life.” There should be a radical change in our conduct after we are saved. If there is not, there is a necessary doubt about someone’s resurrection to “newness of life” and about someone’s salvation of eternal death.

We are debtors – to the Spirit, who indwells us, not to the flesh. With the Spirit in us to help us, there is no justification for complaining about our weakness, or for excusing our sins by saying: “The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak,” or “I am human after all.” The question, in times of temptation, is generally whether we truly *desire* to overcome, for deliverance is by grace, through faith. It is *not* true that it is not possible for the believer to sin, but it *is* blessedly true that in any given case, it is possible for him/her not to sin, and if we truly desire to be delivered from sin in any time of temptation, the Spirit is there to help. Romans 8:12-15.

Today, Jew and Gentile are at the same level and must enter into the fellowship of God as *one*, having no difference. Salvation is free and can be obtained through believing on the Lord Jesus Christ as the *only Saviour from eternal death and sin*. Immediately, upon trusting Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour from going to hell, you are baptized by the Holy Spirit to become a member of this heavenly BODY OF CHRIST.

MEMORY VERSE: “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8,9.

LESSON 24 – WORK SHEET

1.-3. Give a brief summary of our journey thus far: _____

4.-6. What are the SEVEN ONES which characterize believers in Christ today?
Ephesians 4:4-6.

7.-9. Find 6 things in Colossians, chapter 3, which the believer in Christ is told to do if he/she
will live as one who is *risen with Christ*.

10. Write Ephesians 2:8,9: _____

LESSON 25 – THROUGH TRIBULATION VALLEY TO THE KINGDOM

Revelation

THEME: To set forth the events of the last days before Christ returns to set up THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN upon the earth.

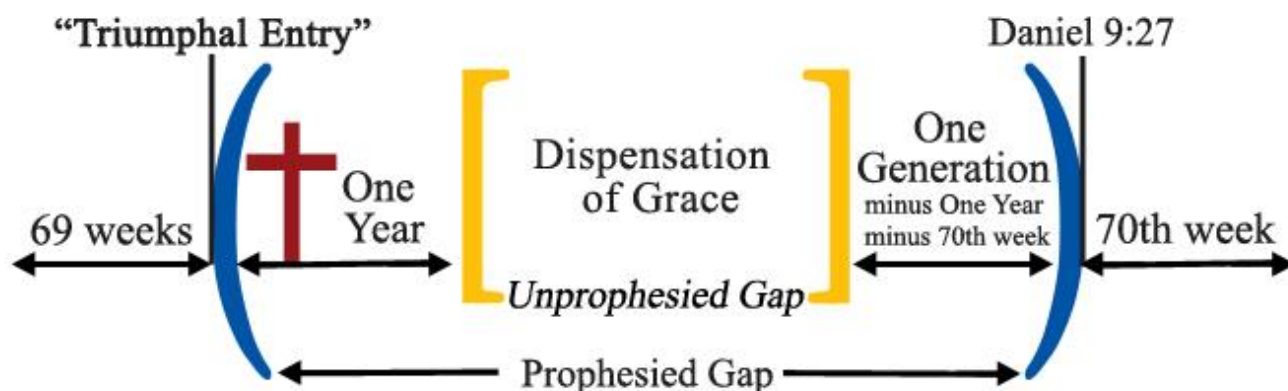
The world will find out one day that all true believers in Christ are gone. Why? THE BODY OF CHRIST on earth (represented by SALVATION LINER) has been completed and called home to be with Christ forever. God's *secret purpose* has also been completed. Then KINGDOM BOULEVARD will again be opened. You might remember that the Prophets saw two mountain peaks of prophecy: one MOUNT CALVARY where Jesus was crucified, the other God's HOLY KINGDOM MOUNTAIN where David's throne was to be established forever over Israel, and from which blessings would flow to all nations. The way of salvation will no longer be through the gospel of the grace of God (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) but again through the kingdom gospel, the belief that Jesus is the promised Messiah, the King of Israel (Matthew 16:13-17, John 11:23-27). Those believers will prove their faith by "enduring to the end" (Matthew 24:13), enduring the sufferings of TRIBULATION VALLEY.

The prophet Daniel is being told by the angel Gabriel in Daniel 9:24, how long his people will have to wait for the coming of the kingdom of heaven on earth. God had "determined" that *seventy weeks* must transpire before the kingdom could come. A Hebrew who knew his Bible well, Daniel would know that Gabriel was speaking about *weeks of 7 years*, not weeks of 7 days (cf. Genesis 29:27; Leviticus 25:8). Knowing that the Jews used a 360-day lunar calendar, with each year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each (compare Genesis 7:11,24 with 8:3,4), we find that the 69 weeks in Daniel 9:25 work out to the very day the Lord Jesus Christ rode the colt into Jerusalem and made an official presentation of Himself to Israel.

In Daniel 9:26, we read that "after" the 69th week ended, He would be "cut off" or *killed*, "cut off out of the land of the living" (Isaiah 53:8). While Gabriel does not say how long after, we now know that our Lord died a few days after His "triumphal entry" into Jerusalem. This means He died after the 69th week ended, but before the beginning of the 70th week (Daniel 9:27). Thus, our Lord died during a *gap* in the 70 weeks prophecy. The Cross was still a prophesied event, of course, but a prophesied event that transpired outside the confines of the prophesied 70 weeks. The gap in the seventy weeks prophecy is *not* the current dispensation of grace. The dispensation of grace is an unprophesied gap in God's prophetic program. However, the prophesied gap is what allowed God to insert the unprophesied dispensation of grace into the 70 weeks prophecy, a sort of gap within a gap. Without this prophesied gap, even God Himself, would have no right to insert a dispensation of about two thousand years duration into the precise timetable of the 70 weeks prophecy.

The prophesied gap worked out to Israel's advantage, because God gave them an additional year to reconsider what they had done at Calvary. This additional year is the subject of the Lord's parable about a fig tree in Luke 13:6-9. When at the end of this additional year, the leaders of Israel stoned a man filled with the Holy Ghost, it showed that the fig tree of Israel had still not produced the spiritual fruit that God was seeking. At that point, God had no choice but to "cut it down" (Luke 13:9).

In Matthew 24:34, after speaking of events that will transpire during the Great Tribulation, the Lord asserted that "this generation will not pass away until all these things take place." Had the Dispensation of Grace not interrupted the prophetic program, that generation would have lived to see the Tribulation, and the subsequent establishment of the kingdom of heaven on earth. This is why after the Rapture, but before the beginning of Daniel's 70th week, a period of time remains of up to a generation minus the additional year before the age of the mystery and minus the 70th week.



Source from "The prophet Daniel..." until this scheme: "The Gap Theory" by Pastor Ricky Kurth (Berean Searchlight of November 2011)

After the rapture, the Jews will begin to go back to Israel from all over the world and will establish their worship in the Third Temple of Jerusalem. The First temple was destroyed in 587 BC by the ancient Babylonians and the Second Temple in AD 70 by the Romans. The existence of another temple is confirmed by Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:4, when he mentions that the antichrist takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. He will make a firm covenant with them for 7 years, but after 3,5 years he will break it. Daniel 9:27. Then will begin the most horrible 3,5 years of trouble that has ever come upon this earth, called THE GREAT TRIBULATION. Matthew 24:21. Revelation offers us the most information about THE GREAT TRIBULATION, the last half of the seven-year tribulation period. From Revelation 13, when the beasts are described, until Christ returns in Revelation 19, we are given a picture of God's wrath on the earth because of unbelief and rebellion (Revelation 16-18). Many people will be killed before they reach the KINGDOM GATE.

But the end will come when Christ Himself will come from heaven riding upon a white horse. Revelation 19:11. The Lord will defeat His enemies in the battle of Armageddon. The beast and the false prophet will be taken and thrown into THE LAKE OF FIRE. Revelation 16:16; 19:20,21. Satan will be bound for a 1,000 years and thrown into the abyss. Revelation 20:2,3.

The Lord will establish the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN on earth, and raise the kingdom saints (among them the Old Testament and Tribulation saints) from the dead to enter this kingdom. Revelation 20:1-5. Together with believing Jews who have come victoriously through TRIBULATION VALLEY, they will then rule and reign with Christ for a thousand years. Revelation 20:6. This period is called, The Millennium. The glory of the promised KINGDOM will be set up. The animals will not be wild any longer: the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat. Isaiah 11:6. Gentile nations will come up to Jerusalem to worship and to marvel. Isaiah 11:10, Zechariah 8:20-22, Zechariah 14:16-17. Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 19:16), will be worshipped. Even on the bells of the horses will be inscribed: "Holy to the Lord." Zechariah 14:20.

You are probably asking where you will be when all this takes place. If you are saved, and belong to the Body of Christ, you have been raptured and will already be with Christ in the heavenly places. If you are still on earth after the Rapture, your way of salvation would be through the kingdom gospel and by enduring to the end. Matthew 24:13. But if you are not saved at the moment of death, the end for you is condemnation and eternal separation from God. Your name will not be found written in the book of life, and you will be thrown in the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15. For all the saints, what follows is the eternal state, "a new heaven and a new earth" (Revelation 21:1) wherein God will "sum up all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth" (Ephesians 1:10). God's earthly people of Israel, and His heavenly people in the Body of Christ, will then be able to serve God and enjoy one another's fellowship throughout eternity.

Our study of *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE* on this earth is finished. We began with the first Adam and have ended with the last Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45). Traffic has moved in one direction only - always forward. It is a *ONE-WAY ROAD*. There is no chance after death. Hebrews 9:27. Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of your salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2. Why not pray now and tell God you trust His Son? Example prayer: Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I know my sin deserves to be punished with eternal death. But, I believe Christ died for me and rose from the grave. I trust Jesus Christ alone, as my personal Saviour from hell. Thank you for the forgiveness and everlasting life I now have in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

MEMORY VERSE: "And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire." Revelation 20:15.

LESSON 25 – WORK SHEET

After THE BODY OF CHRIST is taken up out of this world, God will again resume His dealings with Israel. The book of Revelation gives us a glimpse of the events, which will take place during the seven years, called THE TRIBULATION, and represented by TRIBULATION VALLEY on the chart. Look up the following references to get the answers to the questions. Fill in the spaces.

1. Revelation tells us of two Beasts who will hate God's people and will blaspheme God. The second Beast will make an image of the first and it was given to him to give breath to the image of the first Beast. This would make the image speak and cause _____.
_____ Revelation 13:14-15.
2. Name four of the judgments which will be poured out upon the earth. Revelation 16:2,4,8,10. _____
_____.
3. What will the angel do to protect the faithful saints? Revelation 7:2-3. _____
_____.
4. Describe the vision of Christ as John saw Him coming from Heaven. Revelation 19:11-16. He was called _____ and _____. His eyes _____. On His head are _____. He was clothed with a robe _____. Out of His mouth _____. The name written on His robe: _____.
5. What will the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies do? Revelation 19:19. _____
_____.
6. Where will they be thrown alive? Revelation 19:20. _____.
7. What will happen to satan? Revelation 20:2. _____.
8. What will happen to the faithful who died or who endured through THE GREAT TRIBULATION? Revelation 20:4 _____.
9. What will happen at the end of the 1000 year reign of Christ over the old earth? Revelation 21:1 _____.
10. Write Revelation 20:15: _____

_____.

