



# SGSA Kids Bible Study Program

**GRADE 7&8  
CURRICULUM A**

(YEAR 1)





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# CREATION

## Overview

God creates the world and creates man (Adam), then Adam sins and destroys God's original plan for man.

### LESSON 1

### Creation

Man Created in the Image of God (Genesis 1:1-31)

### LESSON 2

### Fall

Sin Entered the World (Genesis 3:1-24)

### LESSON 3

### Flood

Judgment for Sin (Genesis 6:9 – 7:24)

### LESSON 4

### Tower

Beginning of the Nations (Genesis 11)







# CREATION

Genesis 1:1-31



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### LESSON CONCEPT:

- I grow in knowing God by knowing His creation's master pieces

### LESSON SUMMARY:

- God creates both earth and heaven and all forms of life in six days.
- The creation acts of each day are described.
- God creates man, both male and female, in His own image.
- Man is given dominion over all things and is commanded to multiply and fill the earth.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What do you think is God's purpose of creation?
- Describe the meaning behind spiritual likeness in God's "image"?
- What are the characteristics of Man and woman?
- Which book our story comes from ?



# CREATION

Genesis 1:1-31

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Praise the lord when I see all his wonderful creations
- Understand my role in this world as God's image.

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## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In the liturgy of St Gregory, Abouna prays: "Because of the multitude of Your compassions, You formed me when I had no being. You set up the sky for me as a ceiling. You made the earth firm for me so that I could walk on it...". The Church reminds me of God's wonderful creation in the liturgy, this makes me always thankful to my Lord who cared for every little detail so that I live happily. He is truly "the Lover of mankind".

## Bible Verse

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world" (Psalms 19:1-4)





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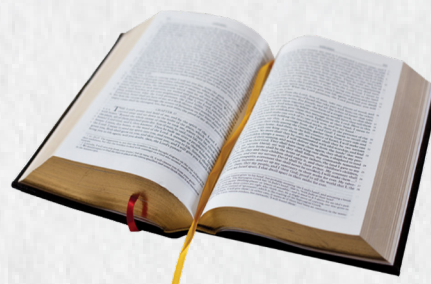
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# FALL



## LESSON CONCEPT:

God has a solution to all my weaknesses

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- The serpent (Lucifer) deceives Eve
- She and then Adam partake of the forbidden fruit.
- Her Seed (Christ) will bruise the serpent's head.
- The roles of woman and of man are explained.
- Adam and Eve are cast out of the Garden .

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Discussion Questions:
- What are Adam's and Eve's weaknesses?
- What are our challenges (weaknesses)?
- How does God help us through our challenges (weaknesses)?
- How do we communicate with God?
- How did she feel when she ate from the tree?





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# FALL

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Who are the serpents in our lives?
- What tempts us the most ?
- Are we willing to give up things we love to obey God ?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The Church, full of heavenly wisdom, teaches us not only to abstain from doing evil, but also to stop thinking of it. Actually, Eve fell into sin after she accepted to get into a discussion with Satan (through the serpent).
- love and trust. He/She can also spiritually guide me.

## Bible Verse

“Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.” (Psalms 91:14-16)

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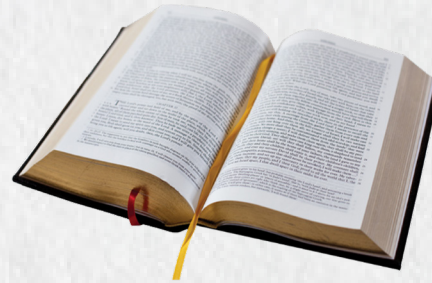
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# FLOOD

Genesis 6:9 - 7:24



## LESSON CONCEPT:

- God has a way to give me salvation and allowed me to see it

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- The sons of God marry the daughters of men.
- Men turn to wickedness, the earth is filled with violence, and all flesh is corrupted.
- The Flood is promised—God establishes His covenant with Noah, who builds an ark to save his family and various living things.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What was God's way to give Noah salvation?
- What did Noah's obedience show?
- What can we learn from Noah?
- What is the Ark in our lives





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# FLOOD

Genesis 6:9 - 7:24

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can we have a heart like Noah ?
- Can we stand up for our beliefs ?
- Do we trust God's promises ?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- One of the forms that the building of a Church can take is the Ark. Because we believe that we cannot be saved out of the Church. Just as Noah and his family were saved through the Ark.

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## Bible Verse

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:9)





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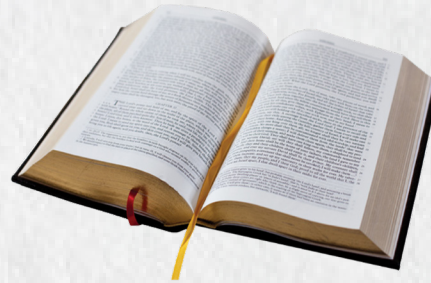
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# TOWER

Genesis 11



## LESSON CONCEPT:

- Working towards my heavenly mansion

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- All men speak the same language.
- They build the Tower of Babel.
- The Lord confounds their language and scatters them over all the earth.
- The generations of Shem include Abram, whose wife is Sarai—Abram leaves Ur and settles in Haran.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did the people want to build a city and a tower?
- What did God do in response to their efforts?
- Explain what was wrong with this project and why it displeased God?
- Which book does our story comes from?





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# TOWER

Genesis 11

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do we have a purpose for our lives?
- Are we living to be more powerful or we are living to Glorify God?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- To help us set our goal in a correct way: as soon as you enter the Church, you will find icons for all the Saints. Thus, you are always encouraged to follow their steps. In this way, you will definitely have a heavenly mansion like them.

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## Bible Verse

“For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens”  
(2 Corinthians 5:1)





# ERA 2

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# PATRIARCH

## Overview

A time of godly men presiding over the growing family. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, successive generations of the same family, ruled over the Hebrew people in the earliest days of their existence.

### LESSON 1 **Abraham**

The covenant of circumcision -  
God's visit to Abraham  
(Genesis 17, 18)

### LESSON 2 **Isaac**

Isaac as a symbol of Jesus  
(Genesis 22)

### LESSON 3 **Jacob**

Outcome of Jacob and the  
Angel's encounter  
(Genesis 31, 32)

### LESSON 4 **Joseph**

Joseph in Jail and the Dreams'  
Interpretation  
(Genesis 39, 40, 41)





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LESSON 2  
**Isaac**

LESSON 3  
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LESSON 4  
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# ABRAHAM

Genesis 17, 18



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

- I am consecrated to God through Baptism (Circumcision was a symbol for Baptism)
- Hosting strangers is a huge blessing

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Circumcision becomes a token of the everlasting covenant between God and Abraham.
- Abraham will command his children to be just.
- The Lord appears to him

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is a covenant ?
- What is the covenant between Abraham and God?
- What is God's Covenant with us ?
- What was God's goal when he established the covenant with Abraham ?
- What did God reveal to Abraham about Sodom and what was Abraham's reaction?





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# ABRAHAM

Genesis 17, 18

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Why is baptism important?
- Do I keep my covenant with God?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Baptism is the way to join Church. That's why the Baptism room is located at the entrance of the Church and must have 2 doors. An outer door for those who come in and a second door that opens into Church. A non-Christian person gets in for the Baptism room from its outer door, gets baptized, then continues into Church from the inner door.

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## Bible Verse

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:26-28)







LESSON 1  
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# ISAAC

Genesis 22



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

The True Life (i.e. remaining faithful and obedient to God) has a price

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- God orders Abraham to take Isaac and offer him as burnt offering.
- Abraham obeys as well as Isaac.
- Isaac is a symbol of Jesus.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did God ask Abraham to do ?
- Why did God call Isaac (your beloved son) ?
- How is Isaac a symbol of Jesus?
- Abraham received Isaac back alive, connect this to Jesus resurrection
- Abraham's faith was tested and he obeyed ... how was he rewarded ( called righteous and friend of God )
- When is this passage read in church ?





LESSON 1  
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**Isaac**

LESSON 3  
**Jacob**

LESSON 4  
**Joseph**

# ISAAC

Genesis 22

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Who do we obey without questions?
- Do we trust God's plan for our lives?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- On every Covenant Thursday, the Church recalls the events of this story. Isaac was a symbol to our Lord Jesus Christ. From the fraction prayer of this day: "... As Isaac carried the firewood for the burnt offering, likewise Christ carried the wood of the Cross. And, as Isaac returned alive, likewise Christ rose from the dead ..."

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## Bible Verse

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)





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**Abraham**

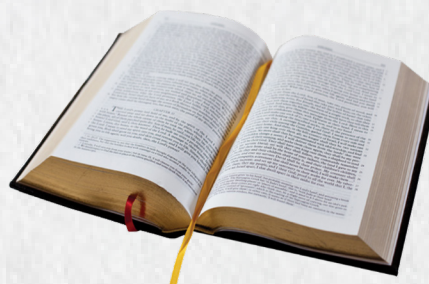
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# JACOB

Genesis 31, 32



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

Persistence and perseverance are essential to get the blessings.

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- The Lord commands Jacob to return to Canaan.
- Laban pursues him; they resolve their differences and make a covenant of peace.
- Jacob sees angels. He asks God to preserve him from Esau, for whom he prepares presents.
- He wrestles all night with God.
- Jacob's name is changed to Israel.
- He sees God face to face.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did God tell Jacob to do ?
- What did Jacob pray to God about ?
- Why did Jacob wrestle with God?
- What does Israel stand for ?
- Which book did our story come from ?







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# JACOB

Genesis 31, 32

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- What is my source of comfort? Talking to a friend or playing games?
- What about talking with my best and closest friend, Jesus?
- Make sure to talk to Him every night (through prayers and reading the Bible) and ask Him to give you guidance and comfort..

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- On many occasions, the Church has a night of prayers and praises. My participation is a sign of love for God and a way to receive many spiritual blessings.

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## Bible Verse

“I will not let You go unless You bless me!”  
(Genesis 32:26)





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# JOSEPH

Genesis 39 to 41



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

The life of Holiness and Victory

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Joseph, prospered by the Lord and becomes ruler of Potiphar's house.
- He resists the advances of Potiphar's wife, is falsely accused, and is cast to prison. The keeper of the prison commits the prison's affairs into Joseph's hands. Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams as seven years of plenty and seven of famine.
- He proposes a grain storage program. Pharaoh appoints him ruler over all Egypt

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Joseph interpretations of the Dreams
- When did the Butler remember Joseph? Is there good timing for everything ?
- How did Joseph interpret Pharaoh's dreams?
- Did Joseph deserve to be the ruler of Egypt because he only interpreted the dream ?





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# JOSEPH

Genesis 39 to 41

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- How does Joseph's life teach us to trust in God's plans even when they are not clear ?
- What do we do when we face injustice ?
- Can we be successful anywhere?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- During liturgies, the Church uses white liturgical garments or vestments (tonia), both for Abouna and the Deacons. The white color symbolizes the life of holiness, purity and victory for all those who live by God's commandments.

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## Bible Verse

"The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man" (Genesis 39:2)





# ERA 3

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# EXODUS

## Overview

The Exodus was the mass movement of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt back to the Promised Land of Canaan

### LESSON 1

#### Deliverance

Moses and Aaron confront Pharaoh (Exodus 5)

### LESSON 2

#### The Law

God's commandments in Mount Sinai (Deuteronomy 6)

### LESSON 3

#### Kadesh Barnea

Rebellion versus Submission (Numbers 13:31 – 14:45)

### LESSON 4

#### Forty Years of Wandering

Moses brings water out of a rock (Numbers 20)





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**Deliverance**

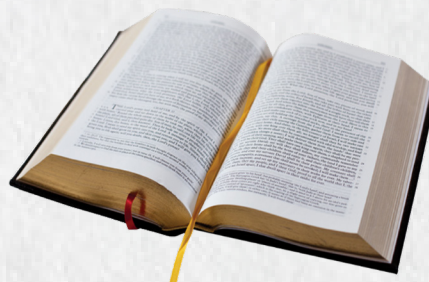
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LESSON 4  
**40 Years of Wandering**

# DELIVERANCE

Exodus 5



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

I will witness to God whatever happens to me

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Moses and Aaron ask Pharaoh to free Israel
- Pharaoh responds, Who is the Lord?
- He places greater burdens upon the children of Israel.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How did the pharaoh react when Moses asked him to release the Children of Israel?
- How did the children of Israel feel? why?
- Which book our story comes from ?





# DELIVERANCE

Exodus 5

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Are we willing to be patient and believe that suffering in life is not the end?
- Is God not in control when you face unfairness in life?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- All Church Martyrs were realizing that holding on to their faith will make them suffer. However, their inner vision was focused on the heavenly glories.

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## Bible Verse

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”  
(Romans 8:35-36)





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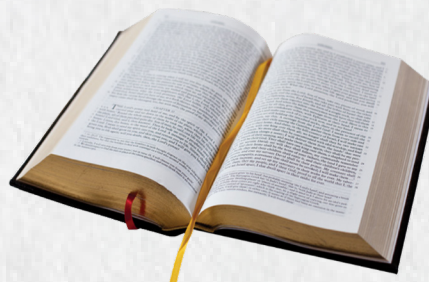
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# THE LAW

Deuteronomy 6



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

How to live God commandment

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Moses proclaims, The Lord our God is one Lord
- The children of Israel are commanded to teach their children
- Moses exhorts them to keep the commandments, testimonies, and statutes of the Lord that they may prosper

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did God command the people of Israel when they came from the land of Egypt?
- How can you love God from all your heart?
- Describe the promised land. What is our promised Land?
- Which book our story comes from?





# THE LAW

Deuteronomy 6

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can we live with God's commandments?
- When you have to choose between being kind and being right, what do you choose and why?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Abouna and my Church Servants are here to help me learn and live by God's commandments. I have to ask them to learn and grow spiritually.

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## Bible Verse

"Your hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments."  
(Psalms 119:73)



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**Deliverance**

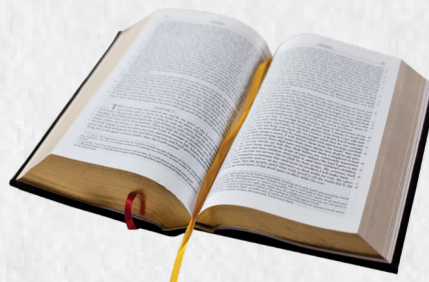
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# KADESH BARNEA

Numbers 13:31 – 14:45



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

Submission and thanksgiving make me closer to God  
(unlike rebellion and discontent)

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Moses sends twelve spies to search the land of Canaan
- Only Joshua and Caleb give a good report of Canaan
- The adults of Israel will not enter the promised land
- The Lord slays the false spies by a plague

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why were the people of Israel murmuring?
- What kind of ideas their murmuring lead to ?
- How is Joshua and Caleb different ?
- What was God's reward for Joshua and Caleb's faith ?
- Which book our story comes from?







# KADESH BARNEA

Numbers 13:31 – 14:45

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- How do we react in the times of stress?
- What kind of actions might we take that show that we are rebelling against God's will in our lives?
- When you are in the middle of a hard exam or an ugly discussion, do you remember or forget that God is by your side?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The Church teaches us to thank God in all conditions. That's why we pray the thanksgiving prayer at the beginning of every hour of Agpeya, Liturgies, Weddings, ... , and even when praying for our fathers and brethren who departed to Heaven.

## Bible Verse

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."  
(Colossians 3:17)

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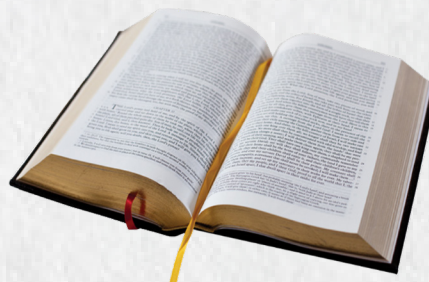
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# FORTY YEARS OF WANDERING

Numbers 20



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

God keeps us alive with His own ways

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Miriam dies
- Moses strikes a rock at Meribah and brings forth water
- The king of Edom refuses to let Israel pass peacefully through his land
- Aaron dies, and Eleazar becomes the high priest

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why were the people complaining? What should they have done instead?
- In spite of their weak faith (unbelief), God still kept them alive?
- What was Moses' mistake?
- The water is called "The water of contention". Why?
- Which book our story comes from?





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# FORTY YEARS OF WANDERING

Numbers 20

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- When you succeed, do you give the glory to God?
- When you succeed, do you care if your ways were not God's ways? (cheating for example)

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In every liturgy, the Church prays for the air of heaven, the fruits of the earth, the waters of the rivers, the seeds, the herbs and the plants of the field. Because, we believe that God will bless and provide all our needs.

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## Bible Verse

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”  
(Proverbs 3:5-6)





# ERA 4

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# CONQUEST

## Overview

After the Israelites had wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, they were at Jericho and needed to resolve to forge ahead and not shrink from their circumstances the way their fathers had done ...

### LESSON 1 Jordan

A Miraculous Parting of Water  
(Joshua 3 & 4)

### LESSON 2 Jericho

A Miraculous Conquest of a City  
(Joshua 6)

### LESSON 3 Conquest

Israel is defeated by Ai because  
of Achan's sin (Joshua 7)

### LESSON 4 Dominion

The Cities of Refuge (Joshua 20)



LESSON 1  
**Jordan**

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**Jericho**

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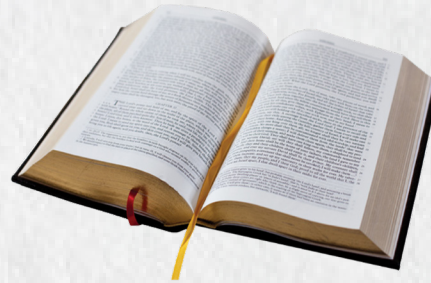
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# JORDAN

Joshua 3-4



## LESSON CONCEPT:

Tribulations of the world (river water) cannot overcome the power of the altar (ark of covenant)

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Joshua leads Israel to the Jordan
- The Lord cuts off the water of the Jordan; it stands up as a heap, and Israel passes over on dry ground
- Joshua places twelve stones to commemorate the crossing of the Jordan
- After the priests bearing the ark pass over, the river returns to its course.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- When did Joshua start to lead the children of Israel
- What was the plan to cross the river Jordan
- What are the 12 memorial stones
- Which book did our story come from?



LESSON 1  
**Jordan**

LESSON 2  
**Jericho**

LESSON 3  
**Conquest**

LESSON 4  
**Dominion**

# JORDAN

Joshua 3-4

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can we sanctify ourselves? What does the river Jordan represent in our lives?
- How do we feel when faced with tribulations?
- What is our strategy to overcome them? How can we stay courageous and strong?
- When you are in trouble, do you remember your previous experiences with God?
- Try to remember one incident where God's hands were carrying you.

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- When you have a specific prayer or request, you can write it in a paper and hand it to Abouna (or a deacon) who will place it on the altar. And, our Church believes that God will definitely respond, according to His Good Will.

## Bible Verse

"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."  
(Matthew 21:22)

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# JERICHO

Passage Reading Joshua 6



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

What can I do on God's day

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Jericho is taken and destroyed
- Only Rahab and her household are saved

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why was Jericho a hard city to defeat?
- What were the Lord instructions to conquer Jericho?
- What was God's promise regarding Jericho?
- Did God's people broke the Sabbath following Joshua's instructions? Are they Guilty in Gods eyes?
- What was Jesus vision on the Sabbath?
- Why was the people told not to take anything from the cursed city? What was they to keep and why?
- Why was Rahab saved ? Was she a good woman?





LESSON 1  
**Jordan**

LESSON 2  
**Jericho**

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# JERICHO

Passage Reading Joshua 6

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do you personally need a Sabbath (Holy day)? Why?
- How can we manage this day in our busy lives?
- Do you feel like you are strong or weak? Or sometimes strong?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Abouna prays before reading the Gospel in the liturgy saying: "May we be worthy to hear and to act according to Your holy Gospels through the prayers of Your saints". On the Lord's day, I need to listen carefully to the word of God, understand it and then apply it in my daily life for the next week.

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## Bible Verse

"It is lawful to do good in Sabbath."  
(Matthew 12:12)





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**Jericho**

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**Conquest**

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# CONQUEST

Passage Reading Joshua 7



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

- BE HONEST TO GOD AND YOU WILL NEVER BE DEFEATED

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Israel is defeated by the people of Ai
- Joshua complains to the Lord
- Achan and his household are destroyed because he disobeyed the Lord by taking the spoils of Jericho

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why the children of Israel got defeated from Ai?
- What did Joshua do when they got defeated?
- What was God's reply to Joshua?
- Why did they need to sanctify everyone?
- Which book did our story come from ?







LESSON 1  
**Jordan**

LESSON 2  
**Jericho**

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**Conquest**

LESSON 4  
**Dominion**

# CONQUEST

Passage Reading Joshua 7

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- When you lie, do you feel that you are hiding from God?
- Do you feel how precious is the confession in our church?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Sin (of any type) separates me from God, and leaves me vulnerable to Satan. Repentance and Confession reconcile me with God, Who is the real source of my strength.

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## Bible Verse

“Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully are His delight.”  
(Proverbs 12:22)





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**Jordan**

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**Jericho**

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**Conquest**

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**Dominion**

# DOMINION

Passage Reading Joshua Joshua 20



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

The sinner (accidental killer) cannot be delivered except through Christ's blood (the cities of refuge - death of high priest)

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Six cities of refuge are appointed for those guilty of manslaughter

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is the city of Refuge?
- What does it show about the people of Israel?
- Who is our City of Refuge?
- What do we need to do to be justified in front of the Lord? (justified freely with his grace )
- Which book did our story come from ?





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**Conquest**

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**Dominion**

# DOMINION

Passage Reading Joshua Joshua 20

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- When do you personally need a city of refuge?
- What/who is your city of refuge?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In every Church, Crucified Christ is always placed on top of the iconostasis (= icon screen) facing us when we pray. This always reminds us that His shed blood is our True Refuge.

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## Bible Verse

“Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”  
(Romans 3:24)





# ERA 5

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# JUDGES

## Overview

This was a dark period for the Jewish people, they lost their spiritual moorings... everyone did what was right in their own eyes. This was a “morally degraded, socially perverted and spiritually bankrupt time of almost 400 years”

### LESSON 1

#### Cycles

SSSS – Sin, Suffer, Supplicate, Salvation – Jephthah (Judges 10:6 – 12:7)

### LESSON 2

#### Judges

Gideon – plan for war (Judges 7)

### LESSON 3

#### Rebellion

The failure of Israel through civil war (Judges 20, 21)

### LESSON 4

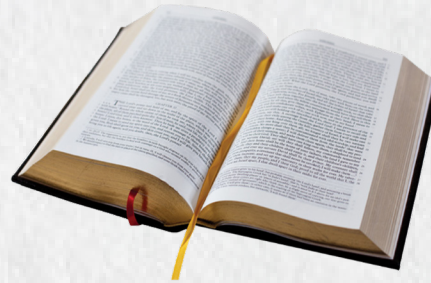
#### Ruth

Boaz becomes Ruth’s blood redeemer (Book of Ruth)



# CYCLES

Judges 10:6 - 12:7



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

I should hold fast what God has given me that no one may take my inheritance

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- SIN: The Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the lord
- SUFFER: Being away from God the Israelites suffered
- SUPPLICATION: The Israelites cried out to the Lord
- SALVATION: The Lord raised up Judges to deliver them

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What was the repeated cycle throughout the entire book?
- What was a Judge's mission?
- What can we learn from today's Bible reading?
- Which Book did our story come from?
- Which verses did we read from today?



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# CYCLES

Judges 10:6 - 12:7

## LIFE APPLICATION:

You can ask them what they do when they sin for example , lie or cheat .....

Ask if they believe that God accepts us and saves us whenever we repent

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- When I get into Church, I find icons for martyrs and saints who are now in heavens. This is to remind me always that I am promised a place in heaven too.
- Confession & Eucharist.

## Bible Verse

“Hold fast that no one may take your crown”  
(Revelation 3:11 )





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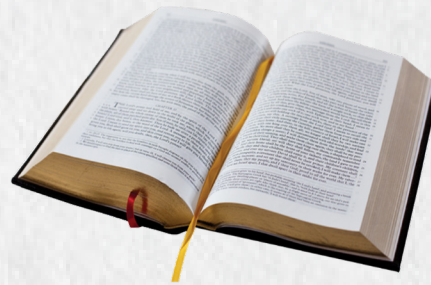
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# JUDGES

Judges 7



## LESSON CONCEPT:

Our weapons are different than the world's weapons but capable to win any battle

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Gideon's huge army gathers for battle but GOD tells him he's got too many people
- Some left being afraid and rest went down to a river for a water break
- After a special test, only 300 were left to deliver Israel with Gideon
- Gideon spied on the camp of the Midianites and found encouragement
- GOD strikes the army of Midian with a surprise attack

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did God say the people were too many ?
- Why do you think God first sorted out the people who were afraid ?
- Is it bad to have self confidence?
- What can we learn from today's Bible reading?
- Which Book did our story come from?
- Which verses did we read from today?



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# JUDGES

Judges 7

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Ask if they believe that God always sees the best in us ....
- Most Christians are not popular and successful people by this world's standards, will this affect my self-confidence ? Why ?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- One of my strongest spiritual weapons is the Word of God. That's why in every liturgy or service that we attend at Church, there is always a time dedicated to reading parts of the Bible, the Word of God.

## Bible Verse

"Therefore put on the full armor of GOD, so that when the day of evil comes you may be able to stand your ground"  
(Ephesians 6:13)



# REBELLION

Judges 20, 21



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

As the Children of Israel have been defeated by enemies because they did not have GOD in their midst, I shall be defeated easily by Satan and evil people if I do not abide in Christ and keep Him inside me

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Israel gathers a huge army, but Benjamin defeats Israel in their first battle
- Israel seeks God after the first defeat
- On the second day of battle Israel is defeated before Benjamin again
- Israel repents before God after the second defeat
- Third day of battle: Victory for Israel over Benjamin

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Did the Israelites kill off the tribe of Benjamin?
- What disclaimer keeps popping up in the book of Judges?
- Were the Judges appointed by God from different tribes?
- What can we learn from today's Bible reading?
- Which Book did our story come from?



# REBELLION

Judges 20, 21

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- What does it mean for us to abide in Jesus as branches in the vine?....
- How can we practice abiding and dwelling in GOD?....

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Communion is my way to abide in Christ. The Lord taught us: "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him" (John 6:56)

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## Bible Verse

"I keep my eyes always on the Lord, with Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken"  
(Psalms 16:8)



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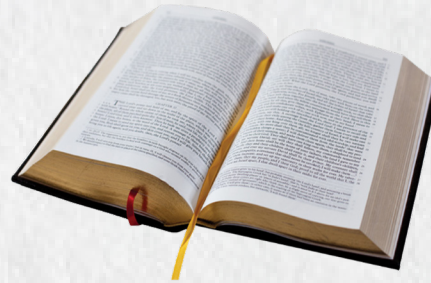
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# RUTH

Book of RUTH



## LESSON CONCEPT:

Jesus is mankind's blood redeemer

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Famine in Israel, a Hebrew family moved to Moab
- Elimelech and his two sons died, leaving 3 widows
- Naomi planned to return to her family, Ruth accompanied her and worked in the fields
- Boaz and Ruth got married

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is the main theme of the book of Ruth?
- Who showed true love and how?
- What can we learn from today bible reading?
- Which book did our story come from?



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# RUTH

Book of RUTH

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do we keep our commitments?....
- How many times we believe we did the right choice? .....

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- How many times do I pray “Our Father who art in heaven...” every day? This prayer keeps reminding me that I am His son and He is my Father. He adopted me, and He is my blood redeemer.

## Bible Verse

“But when the completion of the time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law, so that we could receive adoption as sons”  
(Galatians 4:4-5)



# ERA 6

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# KINGDOM

## Overview

Israel wanted “total freedom” to ignore the directives of God. As a result, the Kingdom Era was a very stormy time with many ups and downs... a righteous king would prosper and an unrighteous king would falter... in the down times the nation collapsed and suffered at the hands of warring neighbors.

### LESSON 1

#### United Kingdom

David becomes the king and he succeeds in uniting all twelve tribes (2 Samuel 5:1-5)

### LESSON 2

#### Divided Kingdom

King Solomon disobeyed God’s commandments when he loved foreign women and allowed them and himself to worship idols (1 Kings 11)

### LESSON 3

#### Northern Kingdom

God helps Elijah and guides him when he felt frustrated, fearful and in despair (1 Kings 19)

### LESSON 4

#### Southern Kingdom

The challenge of Hezekiah against the king of Assyria (2 Kings 18 & 19)



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**United Kingdom**

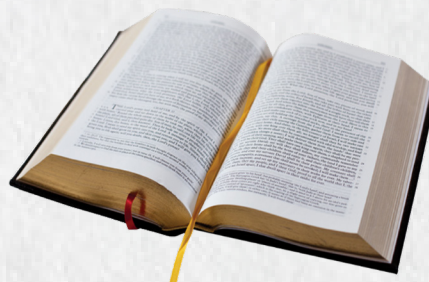
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**Divided Kingdom**

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**Southern Kingdom**

# UNITED KINGDOM

2 Samuel 5:1-5



**ERA 1: CREATION**

**ERA 2: PATRIARCH**

**ERA 3: EXODUS**

**ERA 4: CONQUEST**

**ERA 5: JUDGES**

**ERA 6: KINGDOM**

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**ERA 10: CHRIST**

**ERA 11: CHURCH**

**ERA 12: REVELATION**

## LESSON CONCEPT:

I am great because the Lord God of hosts is with me

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- The tribes agreed that David is their true leader and the shepherd of Israel and they anointed him king over Israel
- David built up the city with God's support
- David succeeded in uniting all twelve tribes

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How old was David when he was anointed as king?
- Explain, from your point of view, the verse "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10)
- What can we learn from today's Bible reading?
- Which book did our story come from?





LESSON 1  
United Kingdom

LESSON 2  
Divided Kingdom

LESSON 3  
Northern Kingdom

LESSON 4  
Southern Kingdom

# UNITED KINGDOM

2 Samuel 5:1-5

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- In times of need, whom do we seek?
- Who is our best and true friend more than brothers and sisters?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In the thanksgiving prayer, our Church emphasizes the great power that we receive from God as His sons and daughters: "... for it is You who have given us the authority to tread on serpents and scorpions and upon all the power of the enemy..."

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ERA 2: PATRIARCH

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## Bible Verse

"So David went on and became great and the Lord God of hosts was with him"  
(2 Samuel 5:10)







LESSON 1  
United Kingdom

LESSON 2  
Divided Kingdom

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Northern Kingdom

LESSON 4  
Southern Kingdom

# DIVIDED KINGDOM

1 Kings 11



**ERA 1: CREATION**

**ERA 2: PATRIARCH**

**ERA 3: EXODUS**

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**ERA 11: CHURCH**

**ERA 12: REVELATION**

## LESSON CONCEPT:

Not keeping the word of God will lead me to sin which is the reason of losing my power and authority

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- God commanded Solomon not to marry foreign women because he knew they would turn him into an idolater
- Solomon disregards God's commandments once he loved foreign women and built idols for them to worship
- Solomon dies and his son Rehoboam reigns in his place

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How did God respond to Solomon's sinful actions and why?
- Who was Jeroboam and for what purpose did God raise him up?
- How does God remain faithful to his covenant with David?
- In what ways do we experience grace?
- What can we learn from today's bible reading?
- Which book did our story come from?





LESSON 1  
United Kingdom

LESSON 2  
Divided Kingdom

LESSON 3  
Northern Kingdom

LESSON 4  
Southern Kingdom

# DIVIDED KINGDOM

1 Kings 11

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Why don't we follow commandments?
- What are some distractions we face in our daily lives?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In every liturgy, there is a part called "The Liturgy of the Word". In this portion, we listen to many readings from the Bible and then to a sermon. The Church is very keen to teach us the word of God, and to make sure that we understood it. Then, it becomes our responsibility to abide in God's commandments.

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## Bible Verse

"Your word I have hidden in my heart that I might not  
sin against You"  
(Psalms 119:11)





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United Kingdom

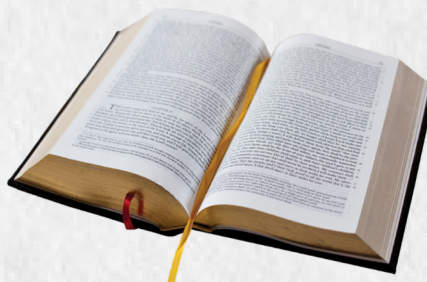
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Divided Kingdom

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Northern Kingdom

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Southern Kingdom

# NORTHERN KINGDOM

1 Kings 19



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**ERA 2: PATRIARCH**

**ERA 3: EXODUS**

**ERA 4: CONQUEST**

**ERA 5: JUDGES**

**ERA 6: KINGDOM**

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**ERA 11: CHURCH**

**ERA 12: REVELATION**

## LESSON CONCEPT:

God is very close to me during my fear, frustration and despair

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Elijah flees to Beer-sheba
- He is comforted by an angel
- God helps Elijah and guides him

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

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- What is the significance of the way in which God appeared to Elijah and talked to him?
- How did God turn Elijah's thinking around?
- What can we learn from today's Bible reading?
- Which Book did our story come from?







LESSON 1  
United Kingdom

LESSON 2  
Divided Kingdom

LESSON 3  
Northern Kingdom

LESSON 4  
Southern Kingdom

# NORTHERN KINGDOM

1 Kings 19

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- What do you do when you know about someone who needs help?
- How does listening help us trust God more?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- We learn from our Church Fathers how important it is to have a “Quiet Time”. Through which, I need to sit alone to read my Bible and contemplate. This is how I can hear the voice of God talking to me.

ERA 1: CREATION

ERA 2: PATRIARCH

ERA 3: EXODUS

ERA 4: CONQUEST

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ERA 12: REVELATION

## Bible Verse

“Be still and know that I am God”  
(Psalms 46:10)





LESSON 1  
United Kingdom

LESSON 2  
Divided Kingdom

LESSON 3  
Northern Kingdom

LESSON 4  
Southern Kingdom

# SOUTHERN KINGDOM

2 Kings 18 & 19



**ERA 1: CREATION**

**ERA 2: PATRIARCH**

**ERA 3: EXODUS**

**ERA 4: CONQUEST**

**ERA 5: JUDGES**

**ERA 6: KINGDOM**

**ERA 7: EXILE**

**ERA 8: RETURN**

**ERA 9: SILENCE**

**ERA 10: CHRIST**

**ERA 11: CHURCH**

**ERA 12: REVELATION**

## LESSON CONCEPT:

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much (James 5:16)

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Hezekiah began to reign at the age of twenty-five
- He trusted in the Lord God unlike his father
- He kept all God's commandments, followed the ways of Moses, rebelled against Assyria and fought the Philistines

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

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- What is the difference between king Ahaz and Hezekiah?
- What was one of the first things Hezekiah did as a king?
- What can we learn from today's Bible reading?
- Which book did our story come from?





LESSON 1  
United Kingdom

LESSON 2  
Divided Kingdom

LESSON 3  
Northern Kingdom

LESSON 4  
Southern Kingdom

# SOUTHERN KINGDOM

2 Kings 18 & 19

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can we be strong even among temptations?
- What is the true power of prayer?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- When we face problems, our Church teaches us to pray and to ask for the prayers of others. We may ask our friends / parents / servants / Abouna to pray for us. We can also ask some of the Saints whom we love to pray for us. Our church call it "Saints' Intercessions".

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**ERA 12: REVELATION**

## Bible Verse

"And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord"  
(2 Kings 18:3)





# ERA 7

**ERA 1: CREATION**

**ERA 2: PATRIARCH**

**ERA 3: EXODUS**

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# EXILE

## Overview

The lesson of the Kingdom Era is that while God forgives whoever comes to Him in repentance, that doesn't change the fact that sin has consequences. These are manifested in the Exile Era.

Daniel gives leadership and encourages faithfulness among the exiles for the next seventy years.

### LESSON 1 **Prophecy**

Hezekiah shows his house and treasures to the Babylonians (Isaiah 39)

### LESSON 2 **Prophets**

Elisha, the 2 sons and the creditor (2 Kings 4:1-7)

### LESSON 3 **Exiles**

Failure of Haman's plot against God's people (Esther 3, 6, 7, 8)

### LESSON 4 **Power Changes**

Belshazzar feast and the appearing handwriting on the wall (Daniel 5)



LESSON 1  
**Prophecy**

LESSON 2  
**Prophets**

LESSON 3  
**Exiles**

LESSON 4  
**Power Changes**

# PROPHECY

Isaiah 39



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**ERA 12: REVELATION**

## LESSON CONCEPT:

God's love warns us about the consequences of sin and how to repent quickly and return to Him

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- King Hezekiah showed his wealth to the envoys.
- God wasn't happy with Hezekiah's actions.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who were the envoys, who sent them and why
- How did Hezekiah reacted?
- What did Isaiah tell the king?
- Was God happy with Hezekiah's actions?



# PROPHECY

Isaiah 39

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Are we willing to put God first in our lives and while deciding on our actions?
- Will we try to impress other people by what we have or by who we are?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- We learn from our Church and from the Bible that we are all in need to repent and confess our sins. This applies to all Christians, including all Clergy up to the Pope. In return, God's promise is to forgive all our confessed sins forever.

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## Bible Verse

“Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish”  
(Luke 13:3)







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**Prophecy**

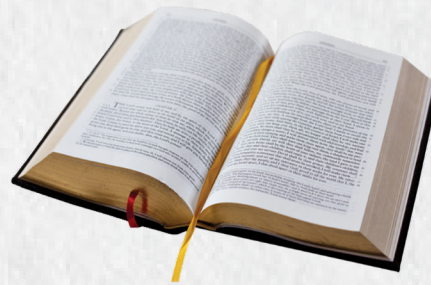
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**Power Changes**

# PROPHETS

2 Kings 4:1-7



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

God's power will defeat the worst evil, and will never leave His children unprotected

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Elisha saves the woman's 2 sons from the creditor
- God fulfilled the widow's debt miraculously

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did Elisha order the woman to do?
- Was the produced oil enough to save the children?
- What do we learn from this lesson?



# PROPHETS

2 Kings 4:1-7

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do we believe that God will always find a way to help us?
- How do we feel during trouble and failure? Do we feel lonely and unprotected?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The Church teaches us that every baptized Christian individual has a special protection from God, being His/Her heavenly Father. On the day of Baptism, God appoints a Guardian Angel to accompany the baptized person till the end of his/her earthly life.

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## Bible Verse

“Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” (John 11:40)





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# EXILES

Esther 3, 6, 7, 8



## LESSON CONCEPT:

God gives success to those who adhere to Him, regardless of the surrounding circumstances

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Haman's conspired to kill God's people.
- Esther reveals Haman's plot to destroy the Jews— He is hanged on his own gallows.
- Mordecai is honored and placed over the house of Haman—Ahasuerus issues a decree to preserve the Jews.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who was Haman?
- Who was Esther, what is her relationship to the king?
- Who was Esther's cousin?
- What did Haman advice the king to do?
- What was God's plan?





# EXILES

Esther 3, 6, 7, 8

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do we really see God during problems?
- How do we feel when we are surrounded by people that don't like us or are different from us?
- Do we always believe that God has a proper plan for our lives?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In different occasions, the Church asked all congregation to pray and fast for a certain number of days so that God may intervene in a certain issue, like the moving of the Mokatam mountain or before selecting a new Pope,... The result is always the same: God responds to His sons and daughters

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## Bible Verse

“Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You” (Psalms 56:3)





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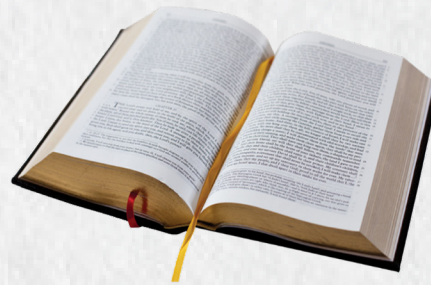
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**Power Changes**

# POWER CHANGE

Daniel 5



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**ERA 12: REVELATION**

## LESSON CONCEPT:

God faces the evil person by Himself and spoils all his/her plans

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Belshazzar and his revelers drink from the vessels of the temple
- A hand writes upon the wall, telling of Belshazzar's downfall
- Daniel interprets the words and reproves the king for pride and idolatry
- That night Babylon is conquered

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who was Belshazzar?
- What did he do wrong?
- What happened during the party?
- What did the words on the wall say?



# POWER CHANGE

Daniel 5

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- In our modern time, do we feel that evil people are punished by God during their lifetime?
- Do we believe that sin has its consequences?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In every Liturgy, the Church prays that God may protect His children from every evil, and brings to our remembrance how God protected His son king David from a very evil conspiracy: "... the enemies of Your holy Church, O Lord, as at all times, now also humiliate. Strip their vanity, show them their weakness speedily. Bring to naught their envy, their intrigues, their madness, their wickedness, and their slander which they commit against us; O Lord, bring them all to no avail, disperse their counsel, O God, Who dispersed the counsel of Ahithopel..."

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**ERA 12: REVELATION**

## Bible Verse

"Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?"  
(Romans 2:4)



# ERA 8

**ERA 1: CREATION**

**ERA 2: PATRIARCH**

**ERA 3: EXODUS**

**ERA 4: CONQUEST**

**ERA 5: JUDGES**

**ERA 6: KINGDOM**

**ERA 7: EXILE**

**ERA 8: RETURN**

**ERA 9: SILENCE**

**ERA 10: CHRIST**

**ERA 11: CHURCH**

**ERA 12: REVELATION**

# RETURN

## Overview

Ezra leads the people back from exile to rebuild Jerusalem.

God has allowed his people to return from exile to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple and the city walls.

### LESSON 1

#### Despair

Nehemiah prays for Jerusalem re-construction (Nehemiah 1)

### LESSON 2

#### Temple

Thanking God for the completion of the temple building (Ezra 3)

### LESSON 3

#### People

Obeying God and living evil life cannot mix together (Ezra 9, 10)

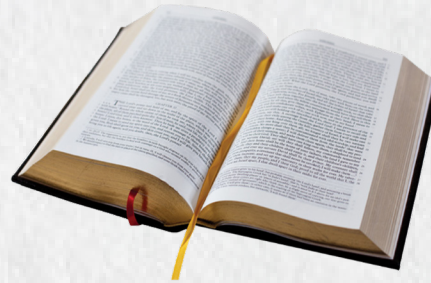
### LESSON 4

#### Walls

The glory of the new testament church (Haggai 2:1-9)

# DESPAIR

Nehemiah 1



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**ERA 12: REVELATION**

## LESSON CONCEPT:

Put all your requests before God, and He is able to achieve what you see impossible

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Nehemiah mourns, fasts, and prays.
- Nehemiah prays for the Jews in Jerusalem and for Jerusalem re-construction.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why was Nehemiah in Despair?
- What did it mean to Nehemiah that the city walls were broken down?
- What did he pray for?



LESSON 1  
**Despair**

LESSON 2  
**Temple**

LESSON 3  
**People**

LESSON 4  
**Walls**

# DESPAIR

Nehemiah 1

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- What does church mean to us?
- What does the walls symbolize to us?
- Do we have to build walls around ourselves to protect us from the evil?
- How can we interact with other people while we have walls surrounding us?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- After a baby is baptized, Abouna anoints him/her with a holy oily called Mayron. The Holy Spirit then dwells in the baby and protects/shields him/her from every evil. Exactly like a city protected by strong walls.

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**ERA 12: REVELATION**

## Bible Verse

“Please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and night” (Nehemiah 1:6)







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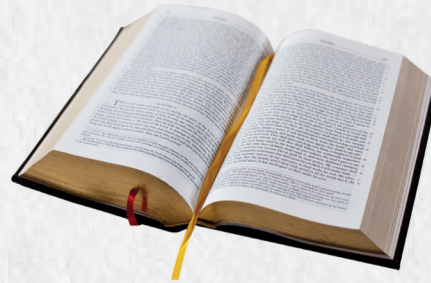
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# TEMPLE

Ezra 3



## LESSON CONCEPT:

No spiritual gift without increase except the one without thanks

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- The altar is rebuilt
- Regular sacrifices are reinstituted
- The foundations of the temple are laid amid great rejoicing

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did Ezra do?
- What did God ask the people to do?
- Where the people prioritizing building the temple over building their own houses?



LESSON 1  
**Despair**

LESSON 2  
**Temple**

LESSON 3  
**People**

LESSON 4  
**Walls**

# TEMPLE

Ezra 3

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- God's work has to be completed first, and has to be prioritized in our lives.

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Part of the thanksgiving prayer says: "... We thank You for everything, concerning everything and in everything...". Our Church teaches us to thank God in the first place when we pray and before asking for any needs. Do you know why? Because our Lord told us: "... For Your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him" (Matthew 6:8).

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## Bible Verse

"Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19)





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**Despair**

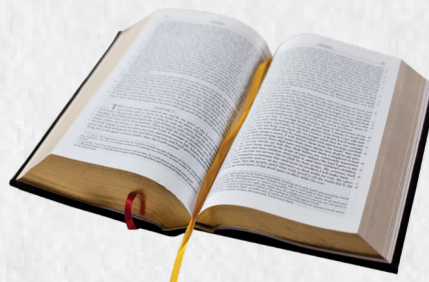
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**Temple**

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**People**

LESSON 4  
**Walls**

# PEOPLE

Ezra 9 & 10



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**ERA 2: PATRIARCH**

**ERA 3: EXODUS**

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**ERA 12: REVELATION**

## LESSON CONCEPT:

Obeing commandments is a measure for our true love to God

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Many Jews intermarry with the Canaanites and others and follow their abominations
- Ezra prays and confesses the sins of all the people.
- The Jews covenant to put away their wives taken from the Canaanites and others
- Ezra assembles the people at Jerusalem
- The Levites who married non-Israelite women are listed.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why was Ezra sad?
- What did Ezra pray for?
- What Did Ezra confess to?
- What did the people of Israel promise to do?







LESSON 1  
**Despair**

LESSON 2  
**Temple**

LESSON 3  
**People**

LESSON 4  
**Walls**

# PEOPLE

Ezra 9 & 10

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- While living in different environments, how do we preserve ourselves and our beliefs?
- Do we simply mingle with other people neglecting who are we?
- How to live in this world while keeping our heart with God?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- One of the most important commandments is “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39). Our Church reminds us every liturgy that we need to live in peace and love with every one. Before singing the hymn “Through the intercessions of the Theotokos St Mary...”, the Deacons asks all congregation to greet one another. So, we are always reminded to obey God’s commandment.

## Bible Verse

“He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him”  
(1 John 2:4)

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# WALLS

Haggai 2:1-9



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**ERA 11: CHURCH**

**ERA 12: REVELATION**

## LESSON CONCEPT:

Completion of spiritual structure: Temple, Peoples' Spirits and Walls

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Haggai prophesies about the Messiah, and the New Testament Church
- The Desire of All Nations will come
- The Lord will give peace in His temple

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did God say to Haggai?
- Summarize Haggai's prophecy





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# WALLS

Haggai 2:1-9

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Circumstances may change but God is still the same
- God is there all the time... Whether we are feeling spiritual or not... whether we are obeying Him or not
- God works through non-believers, as well as believers
- He understands our physical and domestic needs, as well as spiritual ones...

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- A very nice hymn says: “May He bless us all : and purify our hearts : and heal the sicknesses : of our souls and our bodies”. Our Church is concerned about everyone’s spiritual and physical wellbeing, and prays for this. Actually, it is a blessing to be a healthy and balanced individual.

## Bible Verse

“Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God” (Psalms 92:13)





# ERA 9

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# SILENCE

## Overview

The religious leaders of the Silence Era pretended to have power and they became self-absorbed. All this pride caused a pattern of religious hypocrisy that was leading to self-destruction and made this period one of the most disappointing in the nation's history.

### LESSON 1

#### The Changing Guards

Judas defeats Seron due to his trust and faith in God's power  
(1 Maccabees 3:13-26)

### LESSON 2

#### Political Sects

Judas is very concerned to rebuild the temple and the altar and their re-consecration and re-dedication  
(1 Maccabees 4:36-58)

### LESSON 3

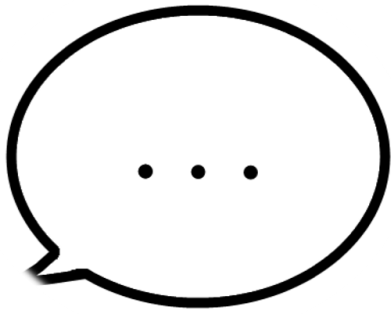
#### Religious Sects

Nicanor despised the temple and the sacrifices, therefore he was defeated and got killed  
(1 Maccabees 7:26-46)

### LESSON 4

#### Messianic Hope

Simon is concerned about building and fortifying the city  
(1 Maccabees 14:4-15)



# THE CHANGING GUARDS

1 Maccabees 3:13-26



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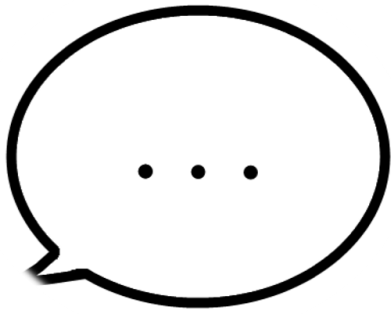
God the loving and mighty Father, intervenes in the right time to save His children.

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- The book of the Maccabees is the last book of the Old Testament. The events are happening between 175 to 160 BC and describing the struggle of the Jews with their enemies under the leadership of the Maccabees family.
- Judas the son of Mattathias who is called Maccabeus became the leader of Israel and fought with the ruler of Samaria "Apollonius" and won
- The commander of the Syrian army "Seron" heard about the victory of Judas, and decided to go to battle with Judas
- The army of Judas was too small compared to the army of Seron. So the companions of Judas asked him how could they win the war with such a big army and also, they have been weakened by fasting.
- Judas encouraged his men by saying "For victory in warfare is not in the multitude of the army, but in the strength from heaven."
- Judas and his army attacked the Syrians and crushed them. They killed 800 of them and the rest of the Syrian army was dispersed.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who was the prophet during the time of the Maccabees?



# THE CHANGING GUARDS

1 Maccabees 3:13-26

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- In the New Testament, including our days, God is no more sending prophets, however He left us His Words and Commandments.
- We need to abide in God and obey His commandments, regardless of how many around us are following the worldly wisdom.
- Many times the devil plants fear in our hearts because of his power, but we need to rely on God and rely on His Strength.

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- As a matter of fact, God is much more powerful than Satan. And, all God's children are granted His power to defeat the devil. That's why we see all the saints in their icons at Church conquering Satan. Satan is always painted as a weak and defeated creature compared to the saints.

## Bible Verse

"For victory in warfare is not in the multitude of the army, but in the strength from heaven"  
(1 Maccabees 3:19)

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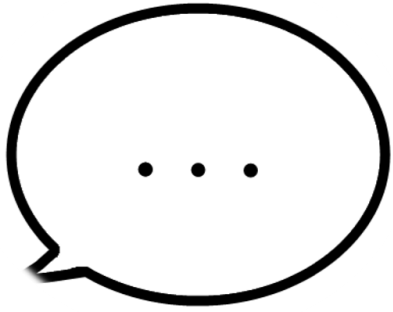
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# POLITICAL SECTS

1 Maccabees 4:36-58



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

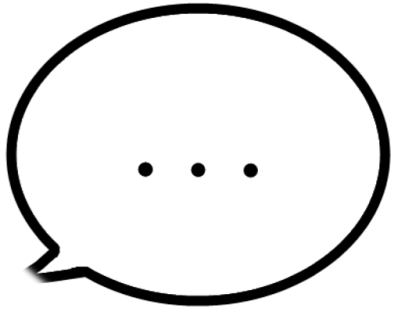
God's children rejoice when they are inside the church

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- The sanctuary was occupied by Greek soldiers who profaned it and offered on it their sacrifices.
- Judas and his army decided to cleanse the sanctuary and went to Mount Zion.
- When they found the sanctuary in this state of desolation, the altar profaned, and the priests chamber in ruins they mourned.
- Judas assigned some soldiers to fight the Greek soldiers until they had the sanctuary cleansed.
- They tore down the profaned altar and built a new one. The old altar stones were stored in a convenient place until a prophet directs them on what to do with them.
- They rose and offered a sacrifice as the Law directs on the 25th day of the month of Chislev.
- This day became an annual celebration, and they celebrated it for 8 days with joy and gladness.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why was the sanctuary considered profaned?
- What did the Jews do to sanctify the altar?



# POLITICAL SECTS

1 Maccabees 4:36-58

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- We are the children of God and our hearts should remain sanctified to Him.
- When we sin, we should repent and re-dedicate ourselves to God again who will cleanse us from our impurities.

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Different verses can be carved on the iconostasis in Church. One verse says: "I was glad when they said to me: Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalms 122:1). This verse explains our feelings every time we come to Church.

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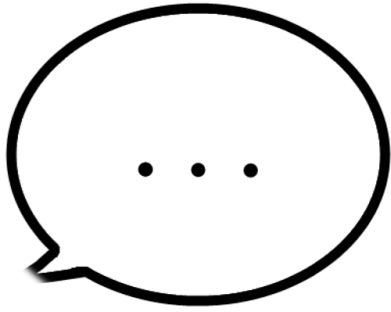
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## Bible Verse

"And all the people fell upon their faces, and they adored, and they blessed, toward heaven, Him that had prospered them" (1 Maccabees 4:55)



# RELIGIOUS SECTS

1 Maccabees 7:26-46



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

God punishes those who do not respect the Church

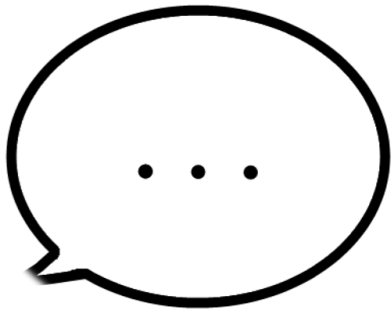
## LESSON SUMMARY:

- The Greek king sent Nicanor to Jerusalem with a large force to defeat Judas and his army.
- Nicanor tried to deceive Judas first by trying to speak with him in peace but the trick was discovered.
- When Judas knew the intent of Nicanor's army, he refused to greet them, so Nicanor went to battle with him and he was defeated.
- Nicanor then went to Mount Zion where he derided the priests when they showed him the offerings.
- The priests and Judas then prayed to God, to help them defeat Nicanor because he spoke wickedly against the sanctuary.
- Judas and his army then fought with the army of Nicanor who was the first to be killed.
- When the army of Nicanor tried to flee, they were also pursued and killed.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who was the king referred to by Judas in his prayer before his battle with Nicanor "When the messengers from the king spoke blasphemy, your angel went out and struck down one hundred eighty-five thousand of the Assyrians." ?





# RELIGIOUS SECTS

1 Maccabees 7:26-46

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can we understand and live the verse that says: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15) ?
- Do I have that zeal in my heart for the salvation of all people? What can I do to help save their eternal life?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our Church is very confident that our Lord is her source of protection. One hymn describes this saying: "O Lord God of the powers, return and behold from heaven, and look and visit this vine (i.e. the Church), restore and establish her, this which Your right hand has planted". Simply, no power can ever harm the Church.

## Bible Verse

The fool has said in his heart: "There is no God."  
(Psalms 14:1)

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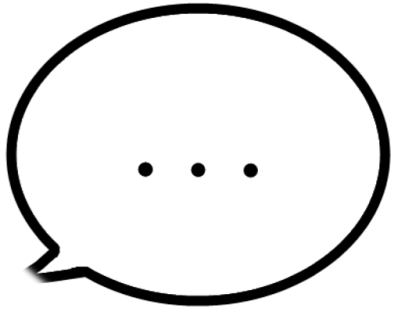
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# MESSIANIC HOPE

1 Maccabees 14:4-15



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

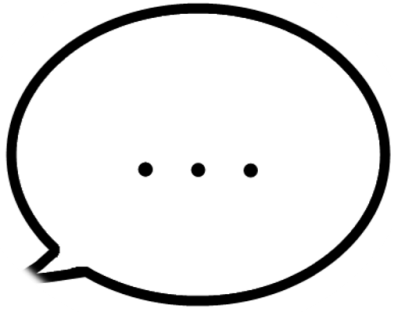
The spiritual person is always concerned to build his own spiritual relationship with God and fortify his spirit against the devil plans

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Simon ruled Israel after the death of his brother Judas.
- During his time, he sought the good of his nation.
- He took Joppa as a harbor.
- He extended the borders of his country.
- He removed the uncleanness from the cities.
- He gathered the captives.
- During his time the land was blessed and gave them plenty of food.
- Simon fortified the cities and the youth of his nation were having a splendid military attire.
- Simon helped the humble people.
- He also maintained the law.
- He made the sanctuary glorious and added to the vessels of the sanctuary.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How many brothers did Simon have?
- Why Simon is a symbol of Christ?



# MESSIANIC HOPE

1 Maccabees 14:4-15

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do we feel the blessings of Christ in our lives?
- Do we see every thing as a blessing from God or we take them for granted?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Spiritual growth is a process that requires time and planning. Our Church, in full spiritual wisdom, arranged different seasons around the year. The “Great Lent” season, for example, has different themes with one goal: our spiritual growth. Treasures in Heaven, Temptation, Prodigal son, Samaritan woman, Paralyzed man, Man born blind: these are the different spiritual growth steps that we go through every Great Lent to build our spirituality.

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## Bible Verse

“He who rules his spirit -is better - than he who takes a city” (Proverbs 16: 32)





# ERA 10

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# CHRIST

## Overview

The Christ era covers the time since our Lord Jesus Christ took flesh, ministered and preached the Kingdom of God, was crucified, resurrected and ascended into the heavens. In this way, the Divine plan for Mankind redemption and salvation was completed.

Jesus Christ is God incarnate.

### LESSON 1

#### The Creator

Jesus gives sight to a man born blind (John 9:1-9)

### LESSON 2

#### Forgiving Sins

Jesus forgives and heals a paralytic (Matthew 9:2-8)

### LESSON 3

#### Accepts Kneeling & Worshiping

A woman with a flow of blood kneels before Jesus Christ after she was healed (Mark 5:25-34)

### LESSON 4

#### Has Power over Nature

Jesus walks on the sea and commands Peter to come to Him (Matthew 14:22-33)



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# THE CREATOR

John 9:1-9



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

We believe that Jesus Christ is God the Creator.

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- In chapter 8 there was a dispute between Jesus and the pharisees, after Jesus has said “I am the light of the world”, it also ends with Jesus saying “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad”.
- In the following chapter Christ heals the man born blind and make him see Christ and he was glad.
- Jesus also told the disciples about the reason of the miracle before it was done.
- Jesus healed this blind man by creating eyes in a way that’s both similar and different to how God created man.
- The neighbors of the man questioned him about how his eyes were opened, and he explained what Jesus did to him

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What was the pool name in which this man washed?
- Why Jesus asked this man to go there and wash?
- How does the sacrament of Baptism relate to this miracle





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# THE CREATOR

John 9:1-9

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Is it possible that there could be no Creator ? Or no God ?
- What should be my reaction every time I think of all creatures and the beautiful nature?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In the liturgy, we hear Abouna praying: “Holy, Holy, Holy, truly O Lord, our God, Who formed us, created us and placed us in the paradise of joy”. Our Church confirms in this passage that God is our Creator, and as a loving God, He intended for Man to live always in joy (the paradise of joy).

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## Bible Verse

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.” (Psalm 19:1)







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# FORGIVING SINS

Matthew 9:2-8



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**ERA 12: REVELATION**

## LESSON CONCEPT:

We believe that Jesus Christ is God who forgives our sins.

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Jesus went into a house (Mark 2) and 4 men brought their paralytic friend to Him
- Jesus, seeing their faith, He told the man “your sins are forgiven you”
- Jesus knew what the scribes said within themselves.
- He asked them “For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’?”
- Jesus then proved His Divine authority to forgive the paralytic man’s sins by also healing him and commanding him to arise and take his bed and to go home.
- The multitudes then marveled and glorified God.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did Jesus forgive the sins first then He healed the man and not the opposite?
- Why did Jesus command the healed man to return home after he was healed, what did Jesus mean by the home?





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# FORGIVING SINS

Matthew 9:2-8

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- In relation to what the friends of the paralytic man did with him, how do you help other people return to God?
- What can you do to encourage your friends to come back to God and get their sins forgiven?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our Church teaches us that we always need to pray to God to forgive us our sins.
- Actually, the longest part of the Midnight Praises is called "The Commemoration of the Saints". It begins with "Intercede on our behalf, O the Lady of us all the Mother of God, Mary the Mother of our Savior, that He may forgive us our sins". Then, we continue to ask for the intercessions and the prayers of all Saints before our Lord to forgive us our sins.

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## Bible Verse

"I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins."  
(Isaiah 43:25)







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# ACCEPTS KNEELING AND WORSHIPPING

Mark 5:25-34



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

We believe that Jesus Christ is God and we kneel before Him and worship Him.

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- A woman was bleeding for 12 years but had a strong faith that by only touching Jesus, she will be healed.
- The miracle shows us that the world can not heal us, but only God.
- When the woman touched Him, she knew that she was healed.
- Also Jesus knew that He was touched and that a power had gone out of Him.
- Many people walked around Jesus but only one was healed because of her faith.
- The woman came and fell down before Him.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did the woman fell before Jesus?
- Why did Jesus call her daughter?







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# ACCEPTS KNEELING AND WORSHIPPING

Mark 5:25-34

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- When you step into Church, make the sign of the cross, kneel before the altar and pray: “But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; in fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple” (Psalms 5:7)
- When we are in the presence of God in Church, specially at liturgy time, no one can talk or look to his/her phone. We can only pray or sing hymns. Let us also encourage all our friends to do the same.

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our Church teaches us one of the simplest yet most powerful prayers. It is called “Jesus Prayer”. It says: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner”. In this prayer we declare that we worship our Lord Jesus Christ. Actually, this prayer is taught by all Orthodox Churches.

## Bible Verse

“The woman ... came and fell down before Him ... and He said to her: Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.”  
(Mark 5:33-34)

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# HAS POWER OVER NATURE

Matthew 14:22-33



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

We believe that Jesus Christ is God who has power over nature.

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Jesus commands the disciples to enter a boat and cross to the other side while He went on a mountain to pray.
- In the middle of the sea there was a very strong wind and the waves were tossing the boat.
- Jesus came to them walking on the sea and the disciples thought that He was a ghost.
- Jesus spoke to them and told them not to be afraid.
- St. Peter asked Jesus to command him to walk on the water and come to Him.
- Jesus told him to come, and St. Peter started walking on the water, but as he became afraid, he started to sink.
- St. Peter asked Jesus to save him and Jesus caught him and got him to the boat.
- When they got into the boat the wind ceased and those who were in the boat worshiped Him.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why Jesus sent the multitudes away while He asked the disciples to go into the boat?
- What do the sea and the boat represent in our life?
- Why did He go on the mountain to pray and then met them in the sea?







LESSON 1  
**The Creator**

LESSON 2  
**Forgiving Sins**

LESSON 3  
**Accepts Kneeling & Worshiping**

LESSON 4  
**Has Power over Nature**

# HAS POWER OVER NATURE

Matthew 14:22-33

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- If we believe that God has power even over nature, should we ever feel terrified ? depressed ? annoyed ?
- What is the border line between healthy and non-healthy fear ? grief ?
- How can I help someone suffering a certain loss?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our Church believes that God has absolute power over nature. That's why in the liturgies Abouna is praying: "Graciously accord, O Lord, the air of heaven, the fruits of the earth, the waters of the rivers, the seeds, the herbs and the plants of the field this year, bless them".

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## Bible Verse

"Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying: Truly You are the Son of God."  
(Matthew 14:33)





# ERA 11

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# CHURCH

## Overview

The Church era covers the formation of the Christian Church by the apostles after Jesus ascension into the heavens. In His unconditional love, God accepts all nations, Jews as well as Gentiles.

### LESSON 1

#### Praying

Church praying that God supports their preaching to all people (Acts 4:24-31)

### LESSON 2

#### Evangelism

God sends St Peter to preach Christ to Cornelius and his household (Acts 10)

### LESSON 3

#### Sacraments

St Paul teaches us about the holy Eucharist / Communion (1 Corinthians 11:23-29)

### LESSON 4

#### Dogma

St James explains how faith without works is dead (James 2:14-26)





LESSON 1  
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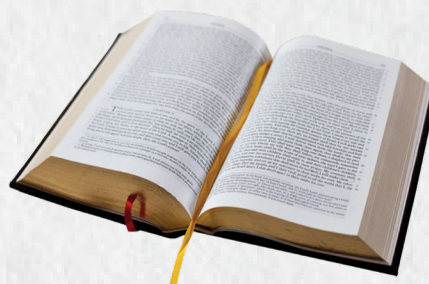
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# PRAYING

Acts 4:24-31



## LESSON CONCEPT:

God hears our prayers and always responds by either :  
Yes, postponed Yes or No

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- 
- Church praying that God supports their preaching to all people

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who wrote the book of Acts?
- At what time was the book of Acts written?
- What does A.D. means?
- What are the events covered in the book of Acts?
- Didn't the apostles receive the Holy Spirit before?
- How did God respond to prayers?





# PRAYING

Acts 4:24-31

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Why do we pray?
- When do we pray?
- Are our prayers based on routine or faith?
- Do we pray when in need only or when we are thankful too?
- How do we pray?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Church Fathers prepared the Agpeya, which we also call “Prayer Book of the Hours”. It consists of many Psalms, parts of the 4 Gospels, and other written prayers. The Agpeya has 7 different prayers to cover the day long. In this way, we can be always praying as per the Bible’s commandment “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

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## Bible Verse

“Now, Lord ... grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word” (Acts 4:29)







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# EVANGELISM

Acts 10



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

Preaching upon God's call

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Cornelius is a righteous man.
- Angel apparition to Cornelius.
- God sends St Peter to preach Christ to Cornelius and his household.
- Gentiles acceptance.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is evangelism?
- Name some biblical evangelists
- What is the difference between the Jews and gentiles?





LESSON 1  
**Praying**

LESSON 2  
**Evangelism**

LESSON 3  
**Sacraments**

LESSON 4  
**Dogma**

# EVANGELISM

Acts 10

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Evangelism is not a church ranking but any Christian can and should be an evangelist.
- How can I be an evangelist at my age, at school, with my sports team mates,... etc?
- What are the fruits of Evangelism back then and now?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- As Christians, God's Sons and Daughters, we all have a duty to preach His word. In the liturgy, we all sing this hymn: "Amen. Amen. Amen. Your death, O Lord, we proclaim. Your holy resurrection and ascension into the Heavens, we confess. ...".
- And, just before this hymn, Abouna is praying: "For every time you eat of this bread, and drink of this cup, you proclaim My death, confess My resurrection and remember Me till I come".

## Bible Verse

"In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him" (Acts 10:34-35)

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# SACRAMENTS

1 Corinthians 11:23-29



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

The holy Eucharist or Communion is the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- St Paul teaches us about the holy Eucharist / Communion.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who is St Paul?
- Whom did he send this letter to?
- What is a sacrament?
- How many sacraments do we have in Church?
- Who instituted this Sacrament (Eucharist) and all other Sacraments?







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# SACRAMENTS

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Can your body live without food? What about your spirit?
- Why is Eucharist so important for our lives in Christ? And the importance of Sacraments in general.
- Which sacraments do we practice and receive frequently?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- We learn from our Church that we have 4 redemptive sacraments (i.e. essential for our salvation), these are: Baptism / Chrismation / Confession / Eucharist.
- 3 more sacraments are non-redemptive (i.e. you may or may not get them, they are not essential for your salvation), these are: Unction of the Sick / Matrimony / Priesthood.

## Bible Verse

“He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him” (John 6:56)

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# DOGMA

James 2:14-26



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

The necessity of both Faith and Works for everyone's salvation

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- St James explains how faith without works is dead

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who is St James?
- What are the different kinds of "unaccepted faith"?
- What is the accepted faith?
- Are all sins the same?
- Is lying equal to murdering?
- Heresy of dependence on "Faith" rather than "Works" for salvation.





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# DOGMA

James 2:14-26

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- Is Faith enough for our salvation?
- What are “Works”?
- What is the difference between Faith alone and Faith coupled with Works?
- What can be my “Works” at church, at school, with my sport team and at my activities?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- One of our important Church books is called the “Synaxarion”. It is the book that compiles hagiographies of Saints and Martyrs.
- This book is extremely important because we learn from it all the different “Works” of the Saints and Martyrs.

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## Bible Verse

“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also” (James 2:26)





# ERA 12

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# REVELATION

## Overview

Last book in the New Testament, written by John the beloved while in exile at Patmos island.

This book reveals events to come leading to judgment day and reveals the rewards for those who conquer, and also reveals the glory of the heavenly Jerusalem.

### LESSON 1

**The Groom  
reveals Himself**

God loves to reveal himself to us  
(Revelation 1)

### LESSON 2

**Heavenly rewards to  
those who conquer**

Church of Sardis  
(Revelation 3:1-6)

### LESSON 3

**Revealing  
things to come**

The 7 Bowls  
(Revelation 15, 16, 17, 18, 19)

### LESSON 4

**Heavenly  
Jerusalem**

"Now I saw a new heaven and a  
new earth" (Revelation 22)





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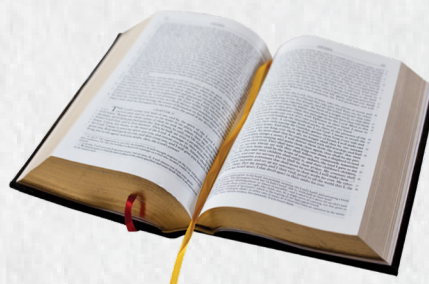
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# THE GROOM REVEALS HIMSELF

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## LESSON CONCEPT:

Test my knowledge about Him and my trust in Him according to the way He is revealing Himself to me.

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- Introduction to Revelation of John the beloved.
- Purpose of Revelation

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who is He?
- What is He revealing to me? (verses 6 to 8)
- He worth the glory and dominion forever and ever.
- He is coming with the clouds.
- He will let every eye see him, even those who pierced him
- The Alpha and the Omega, who is and who was and who is to come.
- the Almighty.





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# THE GROOM REVEALS HIMSELF

Revelation 1

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- How could knowing God's attributes affect my faith and trust in Him

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The Church is a symbol for heaven. And, as God revealed Himself to us in the book of Revelation, also the Church brings to our minds many heavenly meanings and facts.
- Incense (prayers of the saints), icons (presence of the eternally living saints), white and golden objects and garments (purity in heaven), red curtains (our salvation and entry to heaven was only made possible through the blood of Jesus Christ), ...

## Bible Verse

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8)

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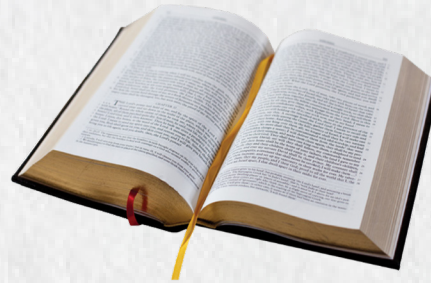
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# HEAVENLY REWARDS TO THOSE WHO CONQUER

Revelation 3:1-6



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

Test myself: Am I truly alive? Or am I living a hypocritical life?

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- A special awakening letter to the Church of Sardis
- Highlights of why this church is in jeopardy
- He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is(are) the problem(s) of this Church?
- Can a Church be a dead Church at some point?
- What is the treatment?
- What is the heavenly reward for those who conquer these problems?





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# HEAVENLY REWARDS TO THOSE WHO CONQUER

Revelation 3:1-6

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- What are our Heavenly rewards according to the Bible?
- How can we stay focused on our eternal life in Heaven with Jesus?
- Is being a Christian just enough for receiving Heavenly rewards?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The sign of life in our Church is to serve, and to do good. Therefore a healthy living congregation (spiritually) consists of members who are all involved in specific services.
- There is always a service suitable for everyone, of any age group.

## Bible Verse

“He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.” (Revelation 3:5)

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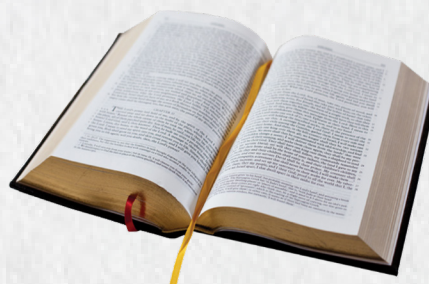
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# REVEALING THINGS TO COME

Revelation 15, 16, 17, 18, 19



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

While God is revealing to the righteous the glorious place prepared for them; He is also revealing to the unrighteous how unpleasant will be their ending if they continue in their impurity and persist to enjoy living in the city of evil.

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- The 7 Bowls of God's wrath (the Last plagues).
- Read (Chapter 15), highlighting the glorious place and explain contents and the praise of victorious people with the song of Moses.
- Then explain briefly the symbolism of those 7 plagues in Ch. 16
- Then, brief as a story the falling of BABYLON the Great, the Scarlet Woman And the Scarlet Beast (symbolism and how each of them was ended) Ch. 17, 18.
- Finally, highlight the victory of the heaven and the 5 reasons for praising Him saying "Alleluia" Ch. 19:
  - 1- For delivering His people from their enemies(v.1)
  - 2- For maintaining His Justice (v.2)
  - 3- For His permanent control over evil (v.3)
  - 4- For His Sovereignty (v.6)
  - 5- For His communion with His people (v.7)







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# REVEALING THINGS TO COME

Revelation 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- God is Just
- There is a judgment day
- Where do you want to stand that day?
- How glorious and rewarding is that day for those who love God and follow his commandments.

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- We believe that all Saints who conquered evil in their earthly life are now in a glorious place in heaven.
- One way our Church symbolizes the Saints victory is by having a procession on their departure days.
- Note that this procession is always rotating counterclockwise inside the Church. Meaning this Saint was able to resist the world and conquered evil (since time represents the world).
- The only person that has a reversed procession (clockwise) is Judas the Iscariot, because he was conquered by the world and by evil.

## Bible Verse

“Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested.” (Revelation 15:3-4)

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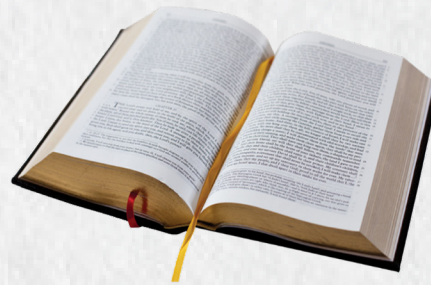
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# HEAVENLY JERUSALEM

Revelation 22



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## LESSON CONCEPT:

Discovering to what extent God loves us as His children, that he revealed to us some important details about what to come and about the place he prepared for us to live forever with Him. Thus we strive for staying always with Him and long for His second coming with all the Church.

## LESSON SUMMARY:

- The Heavenly Glorious State (Revelation 22)
- The river of life (v.1-4)
- Jesus referred to it in John 4:13 as (water of life)
- The time is near/ purify yourself more (v.6-11)
- Rewards to faithful people and those who are thirsty to His coming/ He testifies in the churches (v.12-17)
- Very Important warning regarding His words (v.18,19)
- He promised to come quickly (v.20)







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# HEAVENLY JERUSALEM

Revelation 22

## LIFE APPLICATION:

- What is the purpose of our lives on earth?
- Where are we going after?
- How glorious is eternal life with Jesus?
- What is the glory awaiting us with Jesus in Heavenly Jerusalem?

## CHURCH CONCEPT:

- As the goal of our life on earth is to reach heaven, our Church prepared a very special program for the vigil of the Apocalypse.
- After Jesus Christ was crucified, He went to Hades and opened the gates of paradise to all the Saints of the old testament.
- That's why part of the Apocalypse program is to read the complete book of Revelation, because it describes how beautiful is Heaven and how glorious is our Lord Jesus Christ who completed our salvation on the Cross.

## Bible Verse

"And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."  
(Revelation 22:17)

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*Thank You!*

