

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

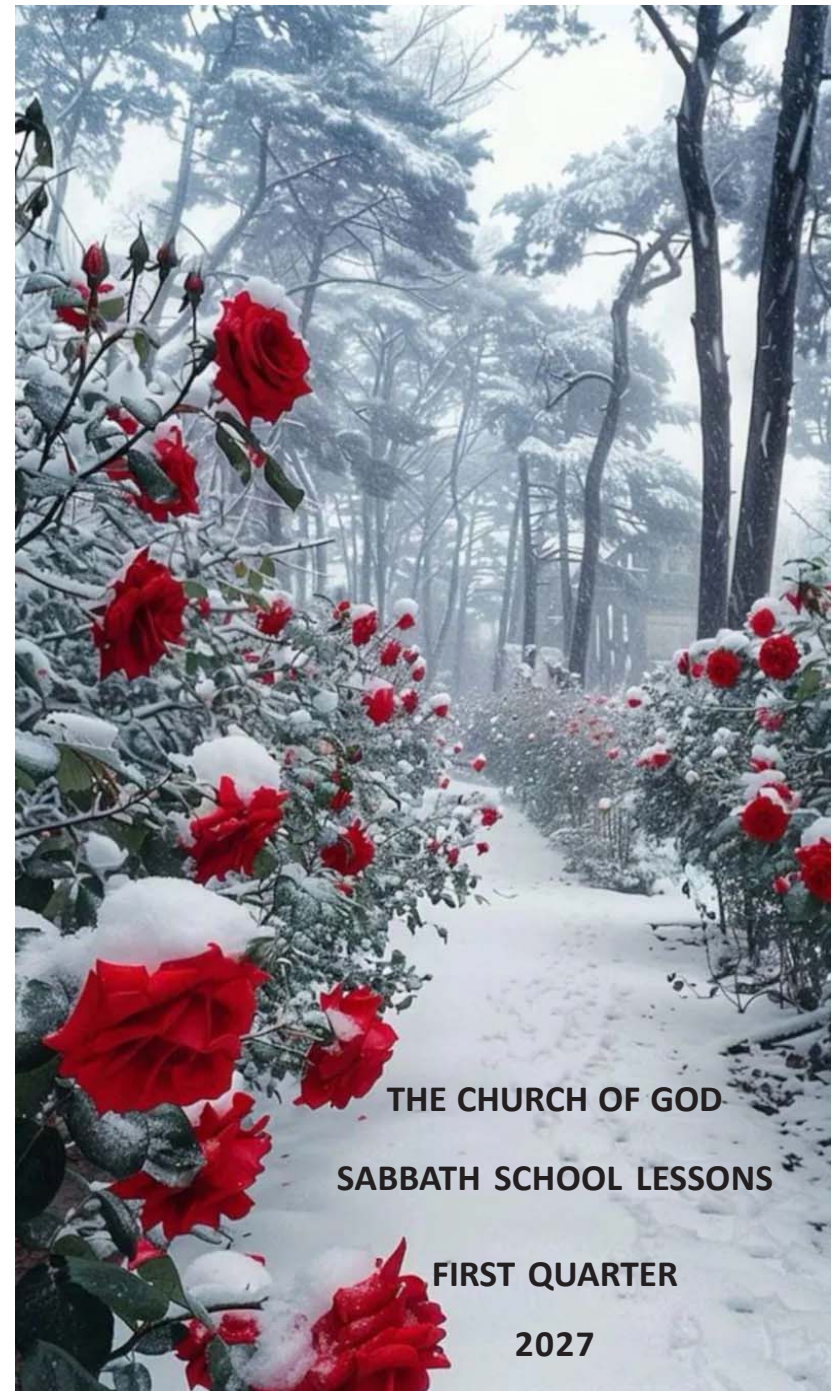
VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.



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IN THIS QUARTERLY

In this quarter we will be looking at the challenges some individuals faced as we may find ourselves in the same situations. Continued warnings to Israel went unheeded and we will learn of their failings and what it meant with regard to their relationship to Jesus. Some of the Minor prophets help us along the way as David teaches us about the Chief Shepherd, being also the Good Shepherd, who will give us the crown of glory that fadeth not away when He appears. 1Peter 5:4

Lesson For Sabbath, January 2, 2027

THE CHALLENGE OF MOSES

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3.

Golden Text: Luke 1:37.

1. After God called Moses, what was his first concern? Exodus 4:1.
2. How did the Lord assure him? Exodus 4:2-8,9.
3. What else bothered Moses? Exodus 4:10.
4. Enter Aaron. Exodus 4:11-16.
5. What will the rod become? Exodus 7:8-9.
6. Who did Pharaoh call? Exodus 7:10-13.
7. How was the rod used next? Exodus 7:14-17.
8. Were the magicians of Egypt successful? Exodus 7:20-25.
9. Where do we read about the magicians again? Exodus 8:6-7.
10. What did the magicians finally admit? Exodus 8:16-19.
11. How were the magicians affected by the boils? Exodus 9:8-11.

NOTE: Some men may think they have power but in the long run their power is nothing compared to God's.

Lesson For Sabbath, January 9, 2027

JOSEPH AND DREAMS

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:1-19.

Golden Text: Jeremiah 32:27.

1. While Joseph's brothers did not kill him, what did they do? Genesis 37:28.

2. Did Potiphar prosper? Genesis 39:1-5.

3. What happens when Joseph refuses the advances of his master's wife? Genesis 39:7-9, 10-12, 19-20.

4. During Joseph's time in prison, what happens? Genesis 40:1-2, 4-8.

NOTE: Joseph recognizes that interpretation belongs to God.

5. After Joseph interpreted the dreams, did they come to pass? Genesis 40:20-23.

6. What happened after two full years? Genesis 41:1-4.

7. Did Pharaoh have a second dream? Genesis 41:5-7.

8. When Pharaoh called the magicians and the wise men, were they able to explain his dream? Genesis 41:8.

9. Who finally remembers Joseph? Genesis 41:9-13.

10. After giving God the credit, Joseph listens to Pharaoh and tells him what God is about to do. Genesis 41:16-27.

11. Because God used Joseph, how does he benefit? Genesis 41:33-40.

Lesson For Sabbath, January 16, 2027

DANIEL'S DILEMMAS

Scripture Reading: Daniel 1:1-17.

Golden Text: Philippians 2:12

1. Did the king find the Children of Israel wiser than the magicians and astrologers? Daniel 1:3-4, 20.

2. In the second year of his reign Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams. Daniel 2:1.

3. Who did Nebuchadnezzar call and what does he learn? Daniel 2:2-13.

4. What does Daniel request of the king? Daniel 2:14-18.

5. When the secret is revealed to Daniel what does he say? Daniel 2:19-23.

6. Nebuchadnezzar asks Daniel, "Art thou able to make known unto me the dream?" Daniel 2:26-30.

7. Daniel recovers the dream. Daniel 2:31-35.

8. Who is the head of gold? Daniel 2:36-38.

NOTE: Nebuchadnezzar ruled from 605 to 562 BCE.

9. How does Daniel relate what will follow? Daniel 2:39.

10. What do we read about the fourth kingdom? Daniel 2:40-43.

11. How is the final kingdom described? Daniel 2:44-45.

Lesson For Sabbath, January 23, 2027

THE IMAGE OF GOLD

Scripture Reading: Daniel 3:1-12.

Golden Text: Deuteronomy 11:16.

1. Who accused the Jews? Daniel 3:8.
2. Did the king get angry? Daniel 3:13.
3. The king asked, "Is it true?" Daniel 3:14.
4. He tries to give them another chance. Daniel 3:15.
5. How did they answer? Daniel 3:16-18.
6. What happened next? Daniel 3:19-20.
NOTE: Nebuchadnezzar is getting as hot as the fire he has prepared.
7. What happened to the men who bound Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego? Daniel 3:21-22.
8. Why was the king astonished? Daniel 3:23-25.
9. Did the fire affect the three young men in any way? Daniel 3:26-27.
10. What does the king now realize? Daniel 3:28.
11. How does the king's decree affect Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego? Daniel 3:29-30.

Lesson For Sabbath, January 30, 2027

WARNINGS

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 7:1-11.

Golden Text: Deuteronomy 28:64.

1. Why does God scatter Israel? Exodus 34:12-14.
2. He considers it adultery or whoredom. Numbers 25:1-3; Ezekiel 16:23-32.
NOTE: They have been warned not to make any covenant or follow after any other gods.
3. What do we learn about Jesus? Isaiah 54:5.
NOTE: Jesus as the Creator (John 1:3) or Maker considers Himself the husband of Israel.
4. What do we learn in Jeremiah? Jeremiah 3:6-8.
NOTE: Because of her backsliding, He gives her a bill of divorce-ment. Jeremiah 3:20-21. Because He has divorced her, He is free to marry.
5. How does He, Jesus, refer to Himself? Mark 2:16-20.
6. In Revelation 19:7-8, we read about the marriage of the Lamb.
7. Was Israel carried away? II Kings 17:6, 22-24. It is the fulfillment of Deuteronomy 28:64.
8. The kingdom was split at this time, and we learn that Judah follows Israel in adultery, Jeremiah 3:8.
9. Was Judah carried away also? II Kings 25:21; Jeremiah 13:19.
10. Will they be returned from captivity? Deuteronomy 30:3.

Lesson For Sabbath, February 6, 2027

HOSEA

Scripture Reading: Hosea 1.
Golden Text: Psalm 73:27.

1. Why was the prophet Hosea to take a wife of whoredoms? Hosea 1:2; Deuteronomy 31:16.
2. What else did the Lord tell Moses? Deuteronomy 31:17-18.
NOTE: The Lord was using Hosea to show Israel their sin. In our last lesson we learned He had given her a bill of divorce.
3. What do we learn about this in the New Testament? Matthew 5:31-32
NOTE: He considers her going after other gods fornication.
4. What was the name of Hosea's first child? Hosea 1:3-5.
NOTE: The valley of Jazreel is the breadbasket of modern Israel. In fact, it is the site for the battle of Megiddo or Armageddon.
5. Why will the Lord avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu? II Kings 10:1-14.
6. When Gomer had a daughter, what was she named? Hosea 1:6-7.
7. The third child is named Lo-ammi; what does this name mean? Hosea 1:8-9.
8. Israel in Hosea 1:6 refers to the northern 10 tribes. I Kings 12:16-17.
9. Judah in Hosea 1:7 refers to the southern 2 tribes. I Kings 12:21.
NOTE: As we learned last time the house of Israel or the northern 10 tribes were taken into captivity. Judah still had a chance to avoid being taken away but it was not to be. Judah fell also.

Lesson For Sabbath, February 13, 2027

HOSEA, PART 2

Scripture Reading: Hosea 4.
Golden Text: Hosea 4:6.

1. Why does the Lord have a problem with the people? Hosea 4:1; Isaiah 1:2-3.
NOTE: They were instructed to tell their children; see Deuteronomy 6:6-12.
2. What happened when Israel was a child? Hosea 11:1.
3. Who else went to Egypt? Genesis 12:10; 13:1; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-21.
4. After Israel was called out of Egypt, what did they do? Hosea 11:2, 7.
NOTE: Israel kept going after other god's, instead of telling their children how they should serve the Lord. They were setting a bad example.
5. What is said to Ammi and Ruhamah? Hosea 2:1-4.
NOTE: He is talking to the people and the Lord.
6. Will there be a change? Hosea 2:14-15.
7. Will they continue to call Him Baali? Hosea 2:16.
NOTE: No, they will start to call Him, my husband. Remember, there will be a wedding in the future.
8. What will be taken out of their mouth? Hosea 2:17.
9. Is a covenant mentioned by Hosea? Hosea 2:18-20,
10. What will be said to those "which were not my people?" Hosea 2:21-23.

Lesson For Sabbath, February 20, 2027

JOEL

Scripture Reading: Joel 2.

Golden Text: Joel 2:11.

NOTE: Joel was a prophet to Judah, the southern tribes.

1. What do we learn in the first part of this book? Joel 1:1-5.
2. What has happened? Joel 1:6-7.

NOTE: Babylon defeated Judah and was carried away while the land became desolate.

3. See II Kings 25:21; I Chronicles 6:15.
4. What will we see in the future? Joel 1:15.

NOTE: Man has tried to rule on this earth, but we await the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Revelation 19:11-16.

5. How is the Lord's army presented in Joel? Joel 2:11.
6. Will the Jews repent? Joel 2:12-16.

NOTE: Israel was temporarily blinded to allow a window of opportunity for the Gentiles. When Jesus returns, that blindness will be removed. Zechariah 12:10.

7. Does Joel refer to this incident as well? Joel 2:28-29.
8. What is proclaimed among the Gentiles? Joel 3:9-10.
9. What will the Lord become for His people? Joel 3:16.
10. How is Jerusalem described? Joel 3:17.

Lesson For Sabbath, February 27, 2027

AMOS

Scripture Reading: Amos 3.

Golden Text: Amos 3:7.

NOTE: Amos was a shepherd called by the Lord to witness to the Northern tribes, but his message is to the whole house of Jacob.

1. Who is Amos? Amos 1:1; 7:14-15.
2. What is the Lord going to do? Amos 1:2; 7:15-17.
3. How does Amos get their attention? Amos 1:3-10.
NOTE: First, He writes about the punishment to the people who surround Israel.
4. He continues in Amos 1:11-15; 2:1-3.
5. His next message is to Judah and Israel? Amos 2:4-5.
6. Is his message different to Israel. Amos 2:6-8.
NOTE: Remember, the kingdom has split into the north, Israel with 10 tribes and the south, Judah with 2 tribes. Amos is witnessing to the whole nation.
7. Of what are they reminded? Amos 2:9-10.
NOTE: The Amorites were at the height of their power but the Lord destroyed them.
8. How did the Lord prepare Israel to battle the Amorites in the past? Deuteronomy 2:24-25.
NOTE: The people lost sight of the Lord's ability. And what He did for them.
9. What does Amaziah, the priest, tell Amos to do? Amos 7:10-13.
10. After contending with Israel through Amos, what will happen? Amos 8:11-12.

Lesson For Sabbath, March 6, 2027

FAILINGS

Scripture Reading: Joshua 24:1-16.

Golden Text: Exodus 34:14.

NOTE: The golden calf, Exodus 32:1-4, was not Israel's only transgression. Time and time again they followed other nations in worshipping "other" gods.

1. What did Joshua continue to say to the people? Joshua 24:19-20.
 2. The angel of the Lord had something to say. Judges 2:1-3.
 3. After Joshua died what happened? Judges 2:8-13.
- NOTE: Ashtaroth is the plural of Ashtoreth, I Kings 11:5.*
4. What else did Solomon do? I Kings 11:7-8.
 5. When Israel forsook the Lord what do we learn? Judges 2:14.
 6. Were the Judges always successful? Judges 2:16-19.
 7. What was the result of their disobedience? Judges 2:20-21.
 8. When the Kingdom split, what did Jeroboam do about worshipping? I Kings 12:25-30,
 9. Did he stop after he made the two golden calves? I Kings 12:31-33.
 10. Was Israel warned about Molech? Leviticus 18:21.
 11. What do we read about in Jeremiah? Jeremiah 32:26-30, 32-35.

Lesson for Sabbath, March 13, 2027

WITCHCRAFT

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 28.

Golden Text: Exodus 20:3.

1. What was Israel told by the Lord? Exodus 22:18.
2. What other instructions were they given? Deuteronomy 18:9-11.
3. Why? Deuteronomy 18:12-14.
4. What did Saul do with those that had familiar spirits and the wizards? I Samuel 28:3.
NOTE: Instead of taking care of the problem, he only moved it.
5. When he became afraid, what did he do next? I Samuel 28:4-7.
NOTE: He knew better but sought the woman who had a familiar spirit.
6. Samuel had addressed his disobedience before. What did we learn? I Samuel 15:22-23.
7. Did Manasseh make the right choices? II Chronicles 33:1-6.
8. The prophet Micah writes about the future. Micah 5:12-15.
NOTE: A grove may be where there is a statue or pole dedicated to the goddess Asherah.
9. Who offered money to receive the Holy Spirit? Acts 8:9-21.
10. Is witchcraft listed in the works of the flesh? Galatians 5:19-21.
11. Who will have their part in the lake of fire? Revelation 21:7-8.

Lesson For Sabbath, March 20, 2027

PSALM 23

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23.

Golden Text: Hebrews 13:20.

NOTE: David writes about the physical things a shepherd does, but it relates to the spiritual aspects of what Jesus, the good shepherd, will do.

1. While David was a shepherd, who is his shepherd? Psalm 23:1, first part; Isaiah 40:11; Ezekiel 34:11-12, 23.
2. Will he have any wants or needs? Psalm 23:1 (2nd part); Philippians 4:19; Psalm 84:11.
3. Where are the green pastures? Ezekiel 34:14.
4. How about the still waters? Revelation 7:17.
5. Does David have his soul restored? Psalm 23:3; 31:3; Proverbs 8:17-20. *NOTE: Remember Saul is trying to kill David.*
6. As a result, where does he say he is walking? Psalm 23:4 (first part); Job 10:21-22; 24:17; Psalm 44:19.
7. Is David afraid? Psalm 23:4, just read "I will fear no evil", Psalms 3:6; 27:1; 118:6.
8. What gives him comfort? Psalm 23:4 (last part), for thou art with me...to the end of the verse. *NOTE: The rod was a short and sturdy stick used to defend flock or for discipline. The staff, 7 or 8 feet in length, with a curved hook (crook) to guide, nudge or rescue.*
9. What was prepared before his enemies? Psalm 23:5 (first part); 104:13-15.
10. Was he anointed? Psalm 23:5 (2nd part), 92:10; I Samuel 16:12-13. *NOTE: Shepherds used oil in their care of the flock.*
11. End lesson with Psalm 23:6; Psalm 84: 9,10.

Lesson For Sabbath, March 27, 2027

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Scripture Reading: John 10:1-16.

Golden Text: I Peter 5:4.

1. Why do we need a shepherd? I Peter 2:25.
2. What is "he that entereth not by the door" called? John 10:1, see also verse 8.
3. What is "he that entereth by the door" called? John 10:2.

NOTE: In verse 9, Jesus refers to Himself as the door.

4. How else does He refer to Himself? John 14:6.

NOTE: Jesus provides the proper entry. There have been imposters but through Jesus and Him alone we can become proper sheep and shepherds under Him. See Isaiah 42:1-4.

5. What do we learn about the voice of the shepherd? John 10:4-5, 27.

NOTE: As we read in Psalm 23 and Golden Text I Peter 5:4, Jesus is the chief Shepherd.

6. What does the thief come to do? John 10:10 (first part).
7. How is Jesus different? John 10:10 (2nd part) and verse 11.
8. What will the hireling do? John 10:12-13.
9. Jesus leads His sheep and is willing to die for them. John 10:14-15.
10. Who are the other sheep? John 10:16; Isaiah 56:8; John 17:20; Acts 15:7-9.