

EXPULSION FROM EDEN
Lesson 11

Memory Text: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezekiel 18:4

The LORD God commanded Adam, saying, "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Genesis 2:16, 17.

The actions of the serpent suggested to Eve, "Ye shall not surely die. For God doth know that in the day ye eat of the tree of knowledge, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:1-5.

When Eve saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. Genesis 3:6.

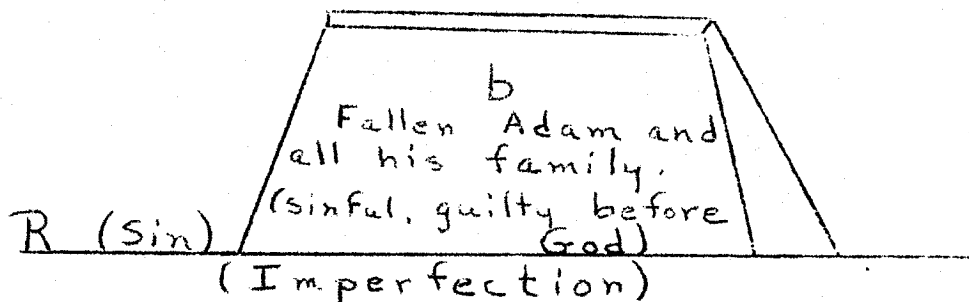
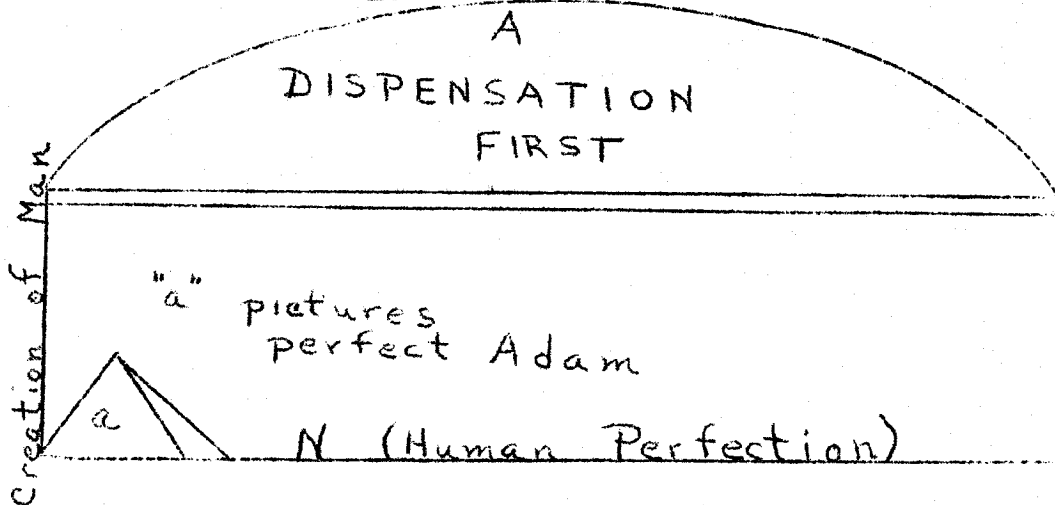
They did not die immediately. But from that moment they began to die. It was a slow process (Adam lived 930 years, Genesis 5:5). Adam died within a thousand-year day (II Peter 3:8). In the Hebrew Bible, Genesis 2:17 says, "Dying thou shalt die." Satan had never seen a human being die; Adam and Eve did not know what to expect; but you and I know that when God says anything, it will happen. James 1:17 says the Father of lights does not change (vary) or turn from his plans in any way.

Adam and Eve had to be sent away from the trees of life in Eden. They had to go into the part of the earth that was not prepared. For 6000 years their descendants would suffer and die, waiting for Christ's kingdom to make all the earth like Eden.

Parents' reference: Volume 1, Chapter 9.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. One of the results of sin was that Adam and Eve suddenly felt the need of clothing. Of what did they make their clothes? Of what material did God make their clothes? How did God get this material? Genesis 3:7, 21. Hebrews 9:22.
2. Eve heard the LORD tell the serpent something which gave her hope. What was this? Genesis 3:15.
3. In Genesis 3:19, God told Adam he would have to labor hard. Is work a blessing or a curse?
4. Explain how Ezekiel 18:4 belongs with this lesson.
5. How does Romans 6:23 apply to our lesson?
6. Describe this penalty for sin. Ecclesiastes 9:5, 10.
7. Who are the men of I Corinthians 15:21?

PRIDE - JEALOUSY - ANGER - MURDER
Lesson 12

Memory Text: "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:31, 31.

Adam and Eve were sent away from Eden, and they could not return. They had been busy in the lovely Garden, but they had been happy and comfortable. Now things were different!

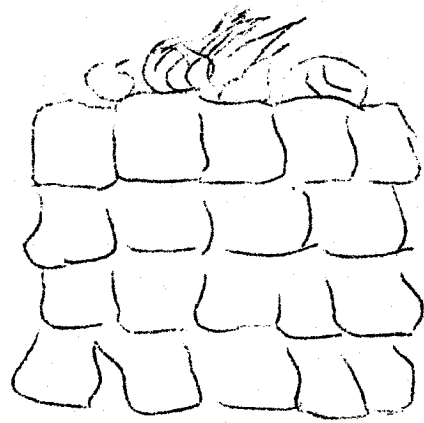
This wilderness outside was not beautiful to look at. There was no food like they had eaten in Eden. Which of the herbs of the field would taste good and nourish their bodies? They could no longer pick fruit from a tree or bush every time they were a little bit hungry. Now they had to spend hours looking for food, and the thorns and thistles pricked their fingers and made them bleed. The perspiration ran down their faces as they tried to get rid of the weeds and help the herbs grow better.

Perhaps Adam looked at Eve and thought, "Life was easier before she was created, when I lived alone with the animals." Eve may have looked at Adam and thought, "Why didn't he tell me this would be our punishment? He lived before I did. God talked to him. He should have helped me and not followed me into sin." They both probably thought about God and wondered how He could have been so kind in Eden and so cruel out here.

Probably when their first little boy was born, he, too, had an unhappy, a complaining, disposition. But Eve looked at her child and felt happy and hopeful. She hugged him to her, and said, "I have gotten a man from the Lord." The boy was called Cain, meaning "gotten." Adam and Eve thought this would be the "seed" or son whom God had promised would help them.

Adam and Eve had more children, and because the parents had become happier, these children were also happier. Abel was a

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. How many children did Adam and Eve have in the Garden of Eden? Genesis 3:23, 24; 4:1.
2. What promise did Adam and Eve remember when Cain was born? Genesis 3:15.
3. Was God to blame for Adam and Eve being driven from Eden?
4. Was there any joy in the lives of Adam and Eve and their children?
5. What did God do to clothe Adam and Eve when they sinned? Genesis 3:21.
6. What did Abel give to God that was so much more acceptable than Cain's gift? Genesis 4:3, 4. Hebrews 9:22.
7. Give another example of God requiring the death of a lamb. Exodus 12:13.
8. Whose death did these lambs represent? John 1:29.
9. Did God hate Cain? What should Cain have done when he saw that God was most pleased with Abel's sacrifice?
10. Did Cain expect to kill Abel?

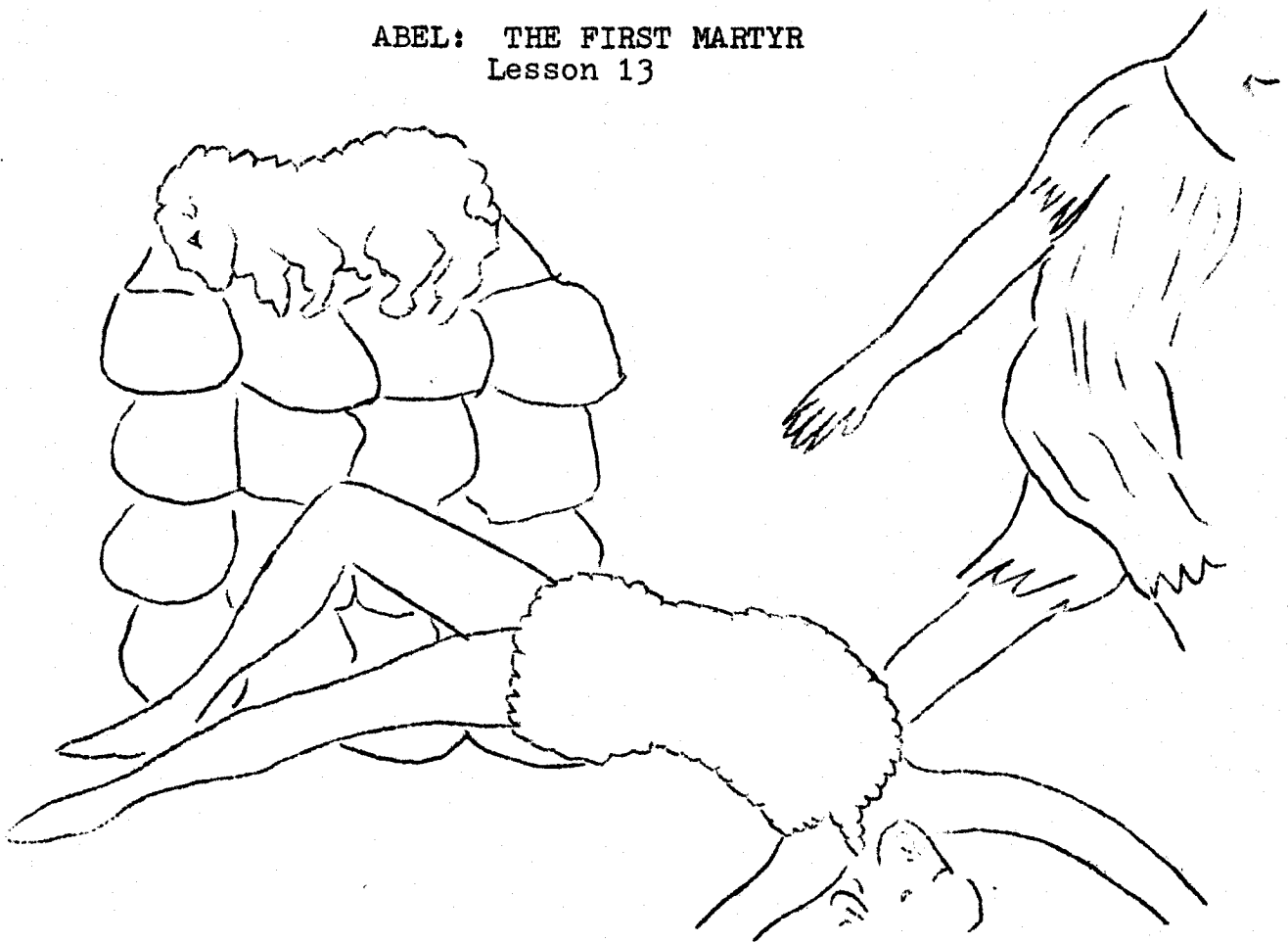
Memory Text: "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." Psalm 32:8.

Cain did not sit and think, "I am going to kill Abel." He had never seen a human being die, and he had never heard of murder. It began in a very small way. Cain's greatest sin was that he did not look to the Lord for guidance. Adam and Eve had been so sure that this son would destroy Satan and restore their happiness; Cain had expected this, too--that he would be God's favorite. What a shock to see that Abel's sacrifice was accepted, and not his! Instead of looking to the LORD for guidance (Genesis 4:6, 7 shows that the LORD was willing to teach Cain), Cain's pride was hurt, he lost control of his temper with terrible results.

This same sin was later committed by other people with whom the LORD was dealing. When the Jewish people killed Jesus they did not meet in a council and decide, "We are going to kill the great Messiah whom God will send to us." They wanted a Messiah, a mighty king to deliver them from the Roman soldiers and tax collectors. They wanted the Gentiles to admire their kingdom and its riches. But they did not follow the LORD's ways. What a shock to see a carpenter's son performing miracles! Instead of looking to the Scriptures for an explanation (Isaiah 53), Israel's pride was hurt, they became jealous and angry, and they killed the Messiah who came to deliver them.

Christians do not intend to kill or even hurt their brethren in the Lord. But it is easy to want our plans to work, regardless of what happens to others. Catholics have tortured and killed Protestants, and Protestants have tortured and killed Catholics. Jesus said, "You have heard that you should not kill. I say, you must not even be angry." Matthew 5:21, 22.
Parents' reference: WT 3927

ABEL: THE FIRST MARTYR
Lesson 13



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What does the word "martyr" mean?
2. Read and explain John 16:2, 3.
3. Read and explain Isaiah 66:5.
4. Read and explain Revelation 2:10.
5. Make a list of as many Biblical martyrs as you can.

Genesis 39:20

Exodus 2:15

I Samuel 18:11

I Kings 17:3

I Kings 18:4

Esther 3:9

Job 1:12, 13, 22.

Jeremiah 18:18, 23; 26:8, 11.

Daniel 3:19-21

Daniel 6:16

Matthew 14:10

Acts 12:1-5

Acts 16:22-25

II Corinthians 11:23-27

Hebrews 11:36-38

I Peter 3:18

SORROW AND MOURNING BEGUN
Lesson 14

Memory Text: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;"
Psalm 23:4.

The first death in Adam's family caused terrible sorrow. Not only was it a horrible shock to see human death for the first time; but all the years of their lives, Adam and Eve would miss their beloved Abel. And what of Cain? He, a murderer, could hardly be the promised seed of Genesis 3:15.

What a difference from Eden, where they had been God's friends! Never had Eve shed a tear while she had been obedient. Never had Adam's heart hurt with heaviness while he had done God's will. Now they did not know what to do: one of their sons was dead; the other son (with their daughter whom he had married) had left their home, shamed and punished by the LORD.

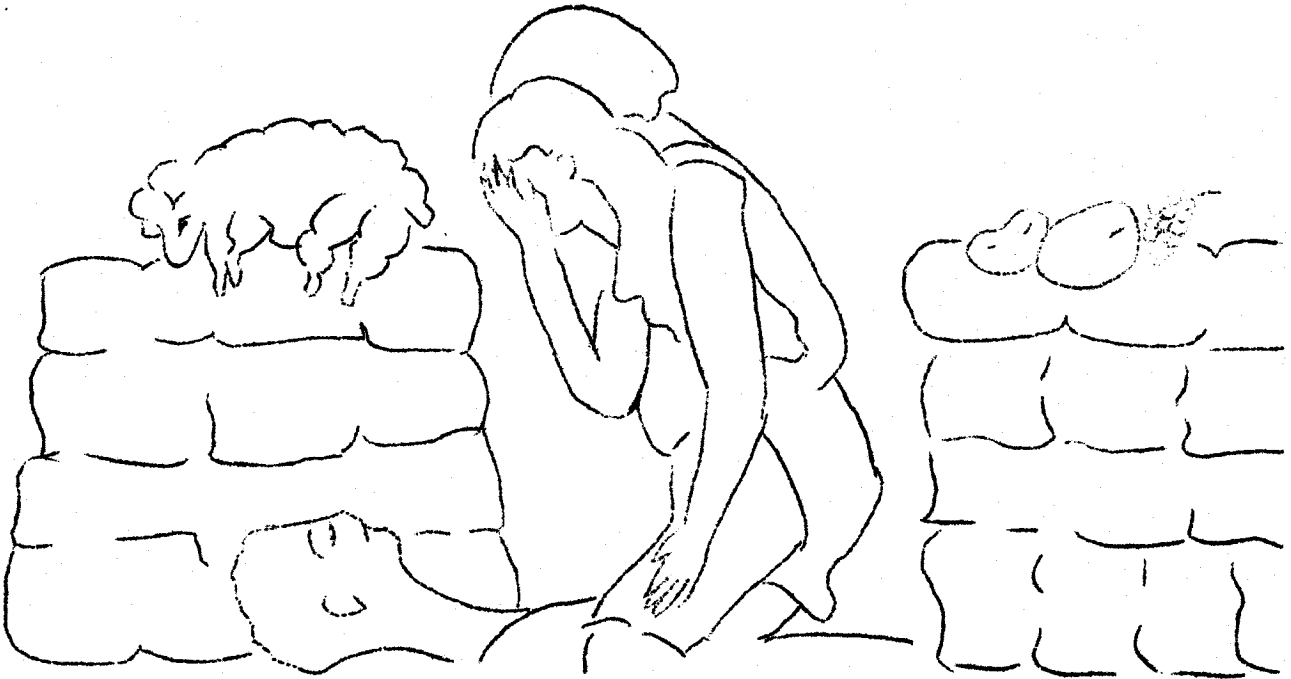
But the LORD our God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face, if we return unto Him. II Chronicles 30:9. He protected Cain with a mark (Genesis 4:15) that would always warn men that they must not kill him. "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." Romans 12:19.

As for Adam and Eve, they received a wonderful gift from the LORD--a new hope--another baby boy. They called his name Seth, "For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel."

Seth, of course, was not the great Deliverer-Seed who would destroy Satan. But the great Deliverer Jesus was born of the family of Seth, even though this happened thousands of years later. "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." II Peter 3:8. It is right for us to pray for Christ's kingdom, when sorrow and dying shall be gone forever; and God will be pleased to answer this prayer when the proper time comes.

Parents' reference: WT 5150

SORROW AND MOURNING BEGUN
Lesson 14



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Who was the first man condemned to die?
2. Was Cain sorry that he had murdered Abel, or was he sorry that he was being punished?
3. What do you know about the way people lived from Genesis 4:17, 20, 21, 22?
4. How old was Adam when Seth was born? Genesis 5:3.
5. What is death?
6. What is sin?
7. What is evil?
8. Is pain always a part of dying?
9. How can you help people who are sad?
10. Should we be sad?
11. Was Jesus ever sad?
12. How did he help people who were sad?

SONS OF GOD, DAUGHTERS OF MEN
Lesson 15

Memory Text: "Who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD?
who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?"
Psalm 89:6.

Long before man's creation, angels were created. Most of these angels were very happy serving God and enjoying the blessings of their lives. When God and the Logos formed the earth and placed Adam on it to be its ruler, the angels sang with happiness! Here would be more beings--Adam and his millions of children--in the wonderful, universal family of God!

But there was one spirit being who was not at all pleased with God's plan. His name was lucifer, and he could have been a great help to God. Lucifer was handsome and talented. He could have worked along with God and the Logos in their exciting projects. He could have been loved by all God's righteous creation.

Unfortunately, Lucifer did not desire to cooperate with his Creator. He had ideas of his own. Why should the Logos have such an important part in the universe? Even God took a great deal of trouble to bless others when He didn't have to. Now, if Lucifer were a supreme being (Isaiah 14:12-14), things would be different.

Where do you start when you want to rebel? The holy angels were too happy to want to change their lives. There might be one angel here or there who would see things Lucifer's way. But a few angels wouldn't help him much.

Then God and Logos made Adam. And they made Eve. Children would be born until the earth planet would be filled with people. Here would be a large number of individuals who did not know as much as the angels about God and His love. These humans might accept Lucifer as their god.

The angels saw a terrible thing happen. Lucifer, who came to be known as Satan, caused Adam and Eve to sin against God. And,

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Why do people obey rules?
2. Had the angels ever seen God punish a spirit being?
3. How would they know that He had the power?
4. Was Satan satisfied to have so much influence over dying humanity?
5. Had any angels ever died?
6. Did God permit angels to appear to mankind? Genesis 18.
7. Why did Satan think it would be a good idea for angels to marry the young ladies on earth? What kind of children would they have?
8. Was this God's plan?
9. What kind of angels would follow this plan of Satan and disobey God?
10. Would you expect that their children would love and serve God?
11. What do the scriptures tell us about these angels and their children? Genesis 6:1-6.

WHILE THE ARK WAS PREPARING
Lesson 16

Memory Text: "Thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation."
Genesis 7:1

The wicked angel-men were all over the cities of Noah's day. Almost everyone of Adam's family, was becoming more like them and less like the perfect family of mankind which God desired. The selfish angels married, the beautiful daughters of the Adamic families, and their children did not fit into God's plan for angels nor His plan for men.

These nephilim were stronger than the other boys because their fathers were angels. Their minds were very clever, but they did not spend their time thinking of better ways to serve the Lord. Instead, they thought of cunning schemes to rule the earth as they wanted. Almost everyone who saw these powerful nephilim felt that these wicked ways were the only road to success and wealth and power.

God watched the people on earth for hundreds of years, seeing them become more and more sinful. Only eight people on all the earth were worth saving.

The father of this good family was named Noah. "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord....Noah walked with God." Noah and his wife had three sons -- Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Each of the sons had a wife. God had a plan for these righteous people.

God told Noah, "I will destroy the wicked people from the earth. I will only work with your family, and you will only work with Me."

Noah did as he was commanded. He and his sons built a huge ark-boat according to God's instructions. Everyone else laughed to see the big boat being built on dry land. But Noah's wife did not laugh at him, and his sons wives did not laugh at them, for all the family knew that God had given the instructions.

Parents' reference: W.T. 2842

WHILE THE ARK WAS PREPARING
Lesson 16



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. If you did not know what the word "righteous" meant, how could the first five letters help you guess?
2. What kind of weather was there before the flood? Genesis 2:5.
3. How does the Apostle Peter describe Noah? II Peter 2:5.
4. Read Genesis 6:4. How were the nephilim like giants--mighty--men of renown?
5. Why did the rain fall at this time?
6. Why did God wait hundreds of years before He destroyed the evil creatures?
7. Do scientists believe that there was a flood?
8. Do the history books of many nations tell of Noah's flood?
9. How can this story teach that it is necessary to know God's plan and to cooperate with it?

NEPHILIM DESTROYED
Lesson 17

Memory Text: "GOD spared not the angels that sinned." 11 Peter 2:4

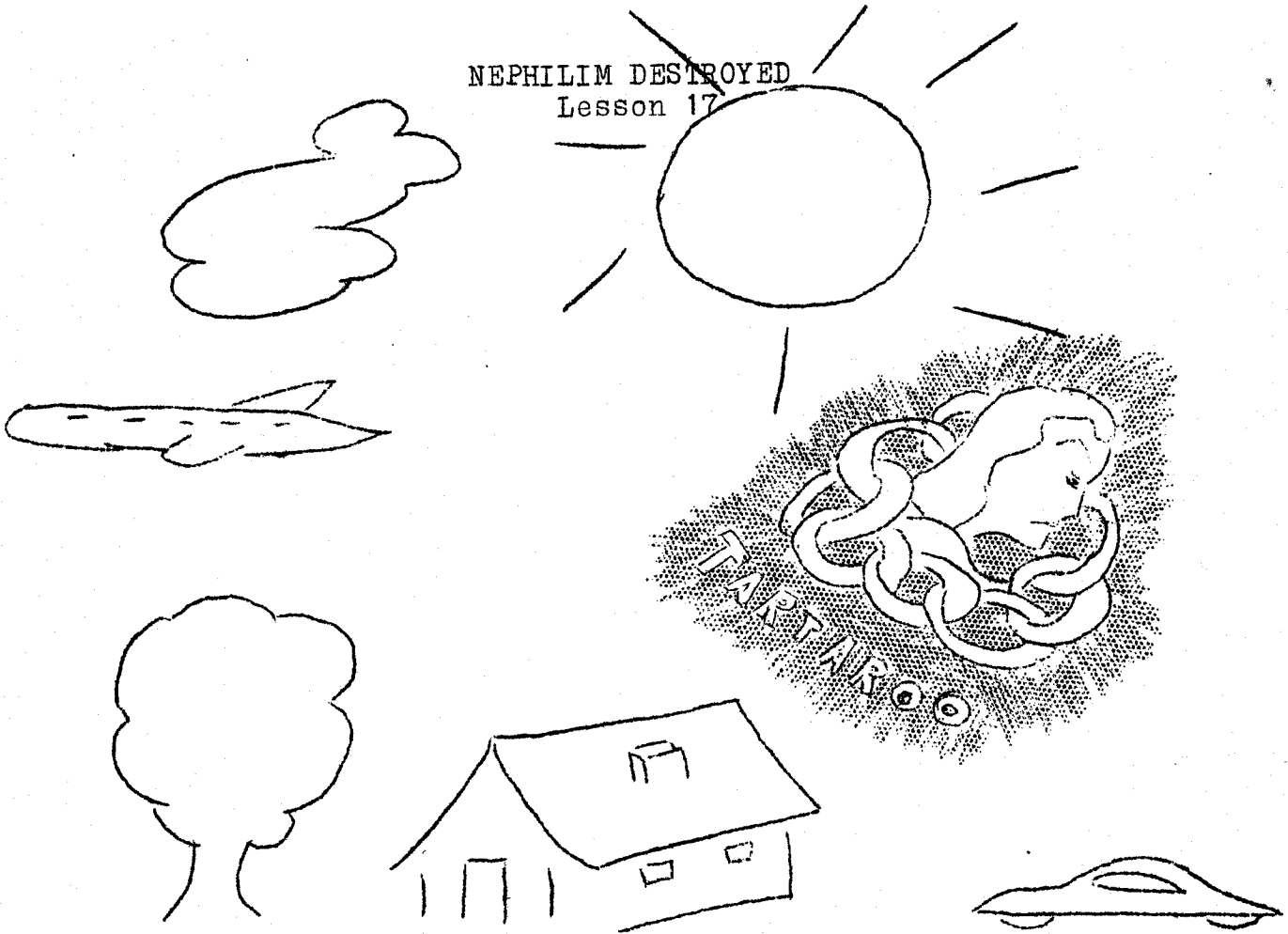
"As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."
(1 Corinthians 15:22.) All of Adam's family died because he sinned. That family included his children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It includes you and me. In fact, it includes all the human beings who were ever born on the earth. And all of those human beings will be made alive because Jesus died for them.

There is one class of creatures who died and will not be made alive again because their fathers were not children of Adam. Their fathers were disobedient angels, and Jesus did not die for angels nor the children of angels. Life is a wonderful blessing, but these creatures used their lives in an evil way. When the flood destroyed them, they died forever. They would not fit into a kingdom where none will hurt nor destroy. Isaiah 65:25.

The mothers of these nephilim will be resurrected to the earthly kingdom, because they were daughters of men -- daughters in Adam's human family. The fathers of these nephilim were angels and not a part of Adam's family. They had been alive in heaven, before Adam was created; they did not lose their lives because Adam sinned. When the flood took the lives of earth's wicked creatures, these disobedient angels were no longer welcome back in heaven and neither could they stay on the earth. They were cast to Tartaroo, having no honor, nor dignity, nor favor from God.

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NEPHILIM DESTROYED
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

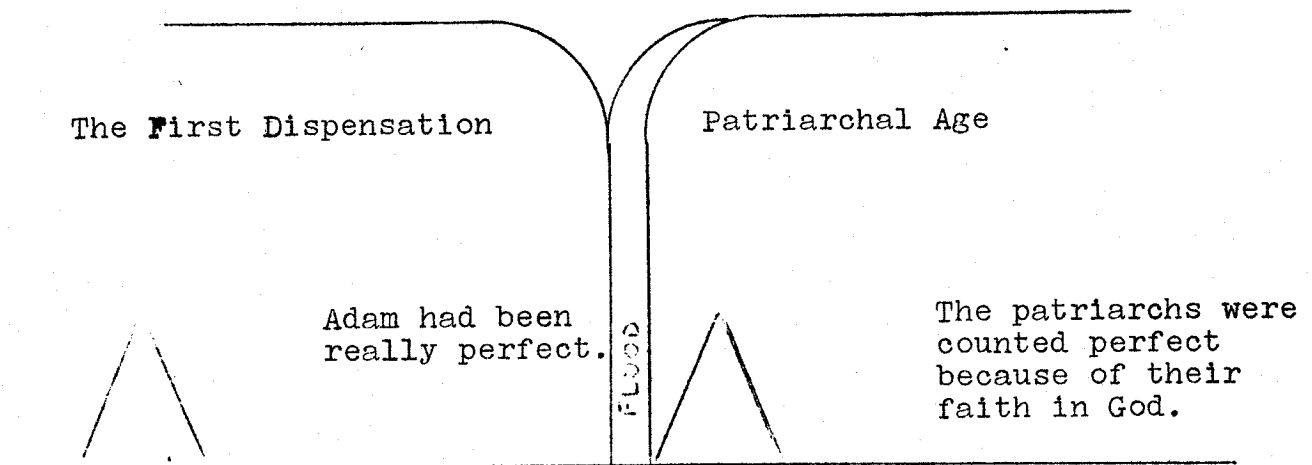
1. Will the human beings who drowned in the flood be restored to life?
2. When Adam sinned, he began to gradually lose his perfection. By the time of the flood man had lost much of the perfection of Eden. Had the angels fallen from perfect spiritual power?
3. When will the angels (who were disobedient before the flood) be judged? Jude 6.
4. Are the disobedient angels free to live like men on the earth now? II Peter 2:4.
5. Do you think that Jesus' holy life may have been a good lesson to the disobedient angels making them want to try again to please God? I Peter 3:19 and W.T. 1678.
6. Is your life an example to anyone? To whom?

THE END OF THAT AGE
Lesson 18

Memory Text: "The world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished."
11 Peter 3:6

People die and people are born but the earth lasts forever. Ecclesiastes 1:4. God had a reason for creating the earth. He formed it to be lived in forever. Isaiah 45:18. The wicked creatures were destroyed in the flood, but still the earth remained. The flood-waters settled into lakes and rivers, and you could see dry land again. An age had ended with the flood: an age had begun with the flood.

THE DIVINE PLAN OF THE AGES



The first dispensation lasted from the time of Adam to the beginning of the flood.

Angels watched over man in the first dispensation.

The patriarchal age lasted from the time of the flood until Jacob's death.

God guided the patriarchs Himself. The rest of men either cooperated with the patriarchs and God and were blessed, or they went their own way learning lessons from life.

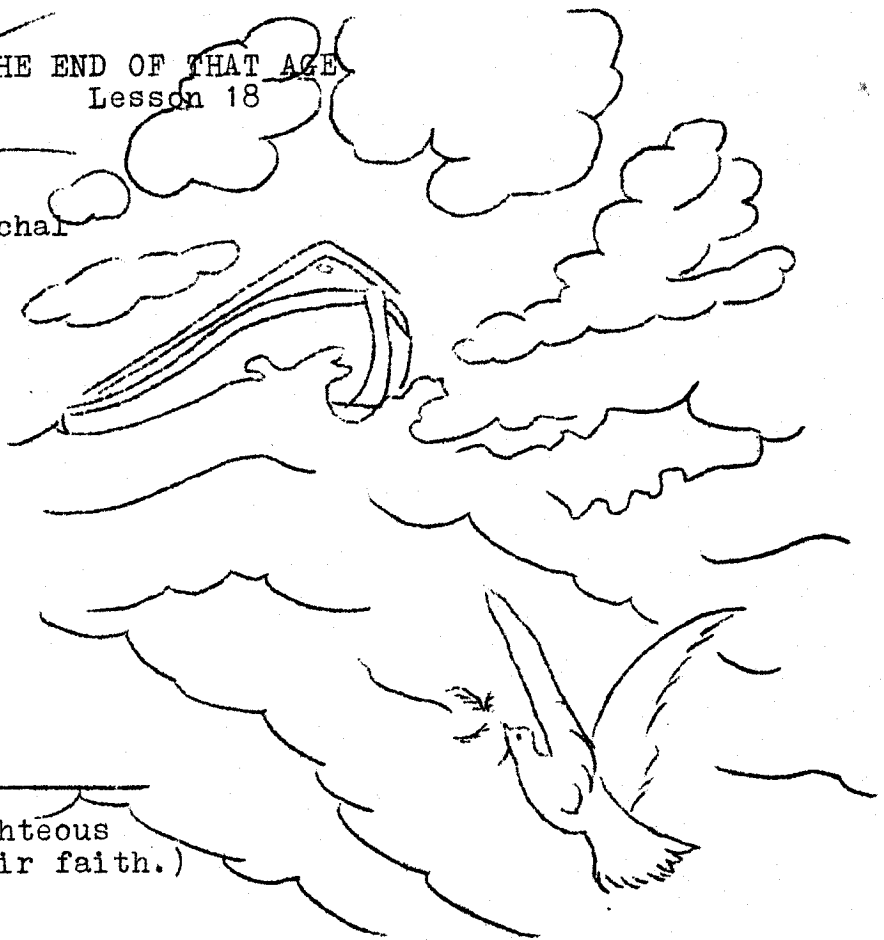
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First
Dispensation

Patriarchal
Age

Patriarchs
(Considered righteous
because of their faith.)



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. When Peter says (11 Peter 3:6) that the world passed away with the flood, does he mean that the earth passed away with the flood?
2. God formed the earth for man to live in. Is all the living space used now?
3. Isaiah 66:1 calls the earth God's footstool. Isaiah 60:13 says that God will make this place of His feet glorious. Is the earth, the place of God's feet, glorious?
4. Will the people who lived before the flood live forever in the kingdom?
5. How long has it been since the flood?
6. Why has God taken so long to set up His Kingdom?
7. What do you learn when you have to wait long for something good?

THE RAINBOW PLEDGE
Lesson 19

Memory Text: "Never again shall all living creatures be swept away by the waters of the deluge....never again shall there be a deluge to destroy the earth." Genesis 9:11 (Moffatt)

When the rain stopped, and the land dried out, Noah and his family and the animals went out of the ark.

What would you do if the Lord saved you from a terrible experience? That is just what these eight persons did: they thanked God for His loving kindness to them. Genesis 8:20-9:1.

Many changes were brought by the flood. Genesis 9:2, is the first time that animals feared man. Genesis 9:3 tells for the first time that animals would be killed for meat. Genesis 9:3 tells of the first rainbow, the sign of God's promise to Noah. Genesis 9:21 tells that food and drink spoiled after the flood. Noah had not expected this.

Science tells us that the earth had been like a flower conservatory. It had been damp and warm and the same everywhere. The flood caused a great change. Around the North Pole and the South Pole, the weather turned exceedingly cold. Around the equator, the weather turned very hot.

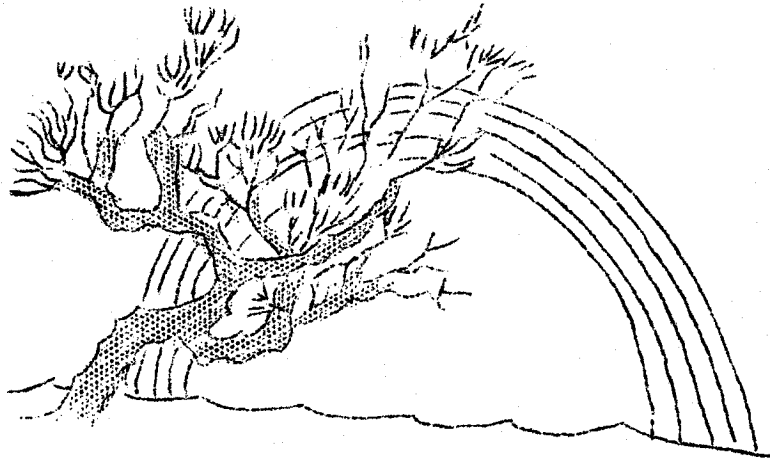
It happened very quickly. An antelope was eating green grass in northern Siberia. Suddenly, the water around it turned to ice. The antelope could not get away. When it was found it was frozen to death in ice, with the green grass undigested in its stomach.

In the same way a mastadon was found imbedded in ice with food between its teeth.

The Bible is precious to us because it is the Word of God; but it is also remarkable because it is the world's oldest science textbook.

Parents' reference: Volume 6, Page 26, The Genesis Flood by Morris

THE RAINBOW PLEDGE
Lesson 19



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Compare God's covenant with Adam and his covenant with Noah.
2. What was God's command concerning the birth of children? Genesis 1:28 and Genesis 9:1.
3. Did God state that animals would fear Adam or Noah? Genesis 1:28 and Genesis 9:2.
4. What did God command Adam to eat? Genesis 1:29, 30. What did God command Noah to eat? Genesis 9:3.
5. What was Adam's occupation? What was Noah's occupation? Genesis 2:15, 19 and Genesis 9:20.
6. What was Adam forbidden to eat? Genesis 2:17. What was Noah forbidden to eat? Genesis 9:4.
7. Compare the phrases which are alike in Genesis 1:27 and Genesis 9:6.
8. What are the colors of the rainbow? What can these colors mean?

1 John 1:7
11 Peter 1:4

Acts 3:21
Hebrews 11:6
Revelation 2:10

Revelation 5:10
Malachi 4:2

DEMIGODS OF GREECE AND EGYPT
Lesson 20

Memory Text: "We have not followed cunningly devised fables."
11 Peter 1:16

In school, we read fairy tales like "Cinderella", and fables about animals that talk ("The Fox and the Sour Grapes" by Aesop is an example), and then we read the myths of Greece and Rome.

These myths are interesting to read but we do not think of them more seriously than we do of Cinderella. No one ever says "Do you believe the story of Cinderella? Do you believe that the fairy godmother was real, and that she really turned a pumpkin into a coach?" Of course we don't.

But the Greeks and Romans really believed the myths at one time. Bacchus and Ceres and Apollo were gods (and goddess) according to the Greeks' thinking. Gifts of sacrifice were burned in their honor, and special acts were performed to please these imaginary gods. Their favor was prayed for, so that the crops of the land might grow, and the people might be rich and strong and happy.

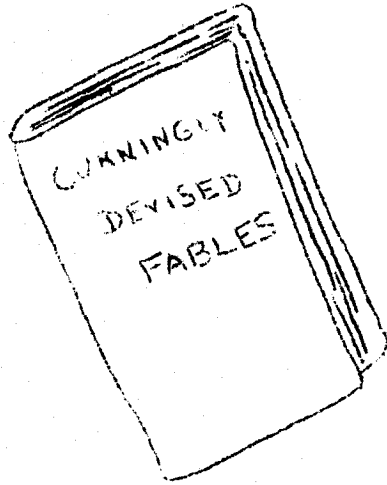
We know that Jehovah, the Almighty Creator of the universe is the only God and Maker of mankind. Where did the idea of these other gods come from?

The word "god" means "a mighty one" -- strong and powerful. There have been good strong and powerful persons; there have been bad strong and powerful persons. The strongest and most powerful individuals who ever lived on this earth were the giants who were destroyed in the flood. Their mighty and wicked deeds were told long after they themselves were gone forever. Their foolish and sinful acts were admired and imitated by some men. These giants were considered as gods by these men.

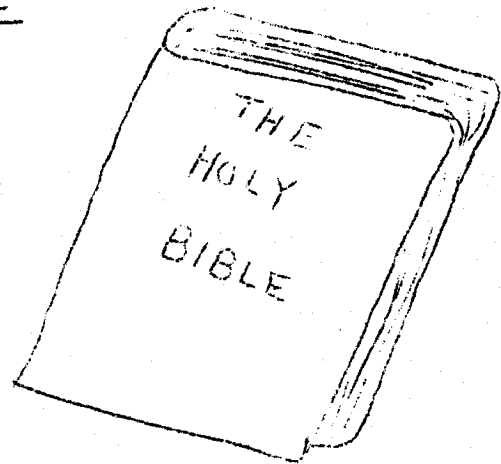
Parents' reference: (Another source of mythology is discussed in "Mythology and the Bible" by Edgar.)

DEMIGODS OF GREECE
Lesson 20

WILL YOU
BELIEVE



OR



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. In the tombs of the Egyptian pharaohs, there are lists of names of some of the families, beginning with the creation of man. Whose name would you expect to be first on this list?
2. One of these lists includes the names of Adam and his son and his grandson and his greatgrandson etc., all the way down to the pharaoh who had the list written. Most of the lists have extra names of individuals who lived before the flood. Whose names were these, individuals who were not exactly a part of Adam's family?
3. How would the sins of the giants (who lived before the flood) be known by the people who lived after the flood?
4. Could these giants have done some of the supernatural things which the Greeks and Romans would expect of their gods?