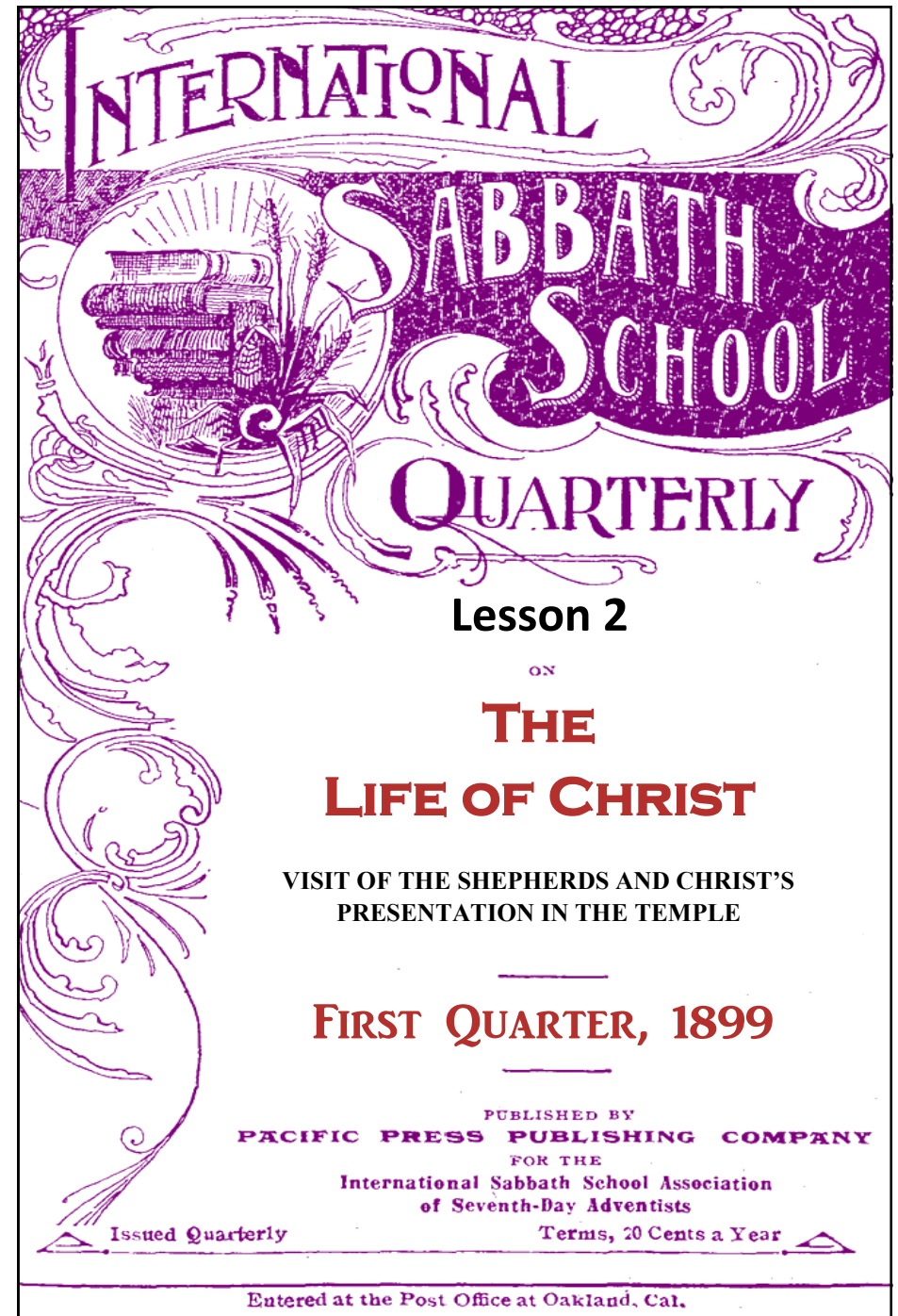


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LESSON 2 —VISIT OF THE SHEPHERDS, AND CHRIST'S PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE.

**January 14th, 1899.
Bethlehem and Jerusalem, B. C. 5.
(Luke 2:8-38.)**

*Side texts to be
studied with
questions*

1. Who were in the fields near Bethlehem? And what were they doing when Jesus was born ? Luke 2: 8.
2. How did the Lord present Himself before the shepherds? Verse 9.
3. At the view given them, what was their state of mind? and what message of comfort was delivered to them? Verses 10
4. By what sign were the shepherds to recognize Jesus? Verse 12.
5. Immediately following this announcement, what demonstration was made? Verses 33, 14.
6. Upon the departure of the angels, where did the shepherds go? Verses 15, 16.
7. Having found the Saviour, what did the shepherds then do? Verse 17.
8. What effect did the words of the shepherds have upon those who heard? Verse 18.
9. How did the mother of Jesus regard the things passing around her? Verse 19.
10. With what spirit did the shepherds return from their visit? Verse 20.
11. In order to fulfil the law of Moses, where did the parents of Jesus

Ps. 25:14;
Amos 3:7.

Gen.12:3;
Isa. 9:6, 7;
Acts 10:36

Heb.1:14 ;
Gen.28:10-12;
John 1:51.

John 1:41,45

Luke 1:66

Is. 61:1-3

Lev 12:2-4

take Him forty days after His birth? Verse 22.

12. What did this law require the parents to offer as a sacrifice on such occasions? Verses 23, 24. See note.
13. While this service was being performed, who came into the temple? and through what influence did he go there? Verses 25-27.
14. For what had this man been waiting?
15. Taking the child Jesus in his arms, what did Simeon say of Him? Verses 28-32.
16. In blessing the parents, what predictions did he venture concerning the child? Vs. 34, 35.
17. When Simeon ceased to prophesy, who else came upon the scene? Verses 36, 37.
18. Upon seeing Jesus, what did she begin to do? Verse 38.

Lev 12:6-8
Ex34:20
Num. 3:13

Acts 8:29,39;
10:19

Is. 40:1,2,9
Mk 15:43

Is. 9:2; 60:1,2

Isa. 8:14;
John 19 : 25;
Acts 28 : 22.

I Tim. 5 : 5.

FURTHER READING

"Desire of Ages," pp. 47-57.

NOTES

1. There were two reasons why the parents of Jesus took Him to Jerusalem at this time. The Mosaic law required an offering of every mother, at the end of her days of purification. When she was in circumstances to permit it, this was to consist of a lamb of the first year for a burnt-offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove for a sin-offering. But when parents were too poor to provide a lamb, the law was satisfied with simply a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons. The fact that Christ's parents offered only the latter shows that they were in the deepest poverty. Again, the law required that a first-born son should be redeemed by a fixed sum, and this requirement must be fulfilled by the parents of our Lord, since He was Mary's first-born.