

LESSON PLAN

Purpose:

To teach what a blessing and curse is and how they are affecting our lives.

Bible Lesson and text:

Numbers 13, the twelve spies.

Focus:

WE ARE SPIES; GOING ON A HUNT! Let's see if we can find blessings and curses.

Scripture:

Proverbs 13:21 "Curses chase sinners, while blessings chase the righteous!" (TLB) (What if nothing is chasing us? What are we doing? Just being a nominal or radical Christian)

Lie Buster:

BLESSINGS CHASE ME CAUSE I AM CHASING JESUS

Teaching Styles:

Can contrast, Saul and David; or the 12 spies in Numbers 13.

Object Lesson 1: What is Sticking to You?

Point:

Whether we walk under a blessing or a curse, they just automatically come to us.

Props:

Pictures representing blessings and curses. You can use words for older classes.

- 1. Ask for volunteers to represent a person who attracts blessings and one who attracts curses.
- 2. Stick double sided tape to each volunteer. THE TAPE IS TO REPRESENT THE BLESSING OR CURSE. Then place pictures of blessings on one and pictures of curses on one.
- 3. Ask the children which ones are blessings and curses.



- 4. Begin to pull off curses because we don't want them in our life. We can try to get rid of a curse by dealing with what we see on the surface. But under the manifestation is the root to the blessing or curse. That is where we need the power of God by repentance, forgiveness, renouncing and breaking agreement then choosing to walk in the truth of the Word.
- 5. Replace the tape (root of the curses) with new tape that represents blessing seeds that will bring forth blessings.
- 6. Both blessings and curses are looking for a person to become attached to. We as a child of God have been promised blessings.
- 7. When we know the truth, the truth will make us free to receive our promised blessings.
- 8. **Conclusion:** This lesson is to help the children to locate and decide what in their life may be a blessing or a curse. Once revelation is given to them, then a child can take the steps to repentance and breaking curses in order to come into the blessings.

Object Lesson 2: Curses and Sin Repel the Blessings.

Point:

Curses and sin repel the blessings.

Props:

Two stuffed dogs, one sprayed with very pleasant cologne and the other very dirty and stinky. Use these as you teach the lesson.

- 1. How many have a dogs, one sprayed with very pleasant cologne and the other very dirty and stinky, use these as you teach the lesson.
- 2. But sometimes a dog can be a pain. We don't want a dog around who likes to roll in dead animals and manure. Did you ever have a dog who did that? I did. Who wants a dog that rolled in a dead animal rubbing against us, licking our face and sleeping in our bead? Disgusting!
- 3. Curses are death and are like dirty dogs looking for something dirty and stinky to crawl in or rub up against. The dog was initially a blessing. Just like we are a blessing and blessed. But when we do or say things that are sinful, it makes us unpleasant to be around. We sometimes can't even see what is attracted to us.
- 4. Just like we don't want a dirty dog around us, people will turn away from things that are obviously going to make problems or life worse for them. If we are speaking bad, that can drive good away from us, like the dirty dog.



- 5. Dogs don't go to the perfume counter or the hair salon. Someone has to give them a bath so they can be a blessing to be around.
- 6. Just like when we have a sin and a curse on us, we have to go to the one who gives us a spiritual bath- Jesus. He removes sin and the curse.
- 7. We want our lives to be like sweet flowers that bees go to. We want people to come to us because we have the blessings of the sweet honey of God's Word and Spirit.

Object Lesson 3. Passover

Point:

To show how we apply or appropriate the Blood of Jesus to our lives. Jesus is our sacrificial lamb slain for our sin. He became a curse for us. Exodus 12:22-23; Galatians 3:13

Props:

A red ink pad, a white shirt or hat, paper people (some will be destroyed). For older children you can have the children play the parts of the people. One lives for Jesus and chose Him as Lord and Savior and one does not.

- 1. Can give a brief teaching on the Passover or just go to point two.
- 2. Here are different paper people. Some have Jesus as their Lord and obey Him.
- 3. Talk about what it takes to be a committed Christian. Tell the children which pictures are the Christians.
- 4. Take the red ink pad and let a child mark the paper people with a red fingerprint. How do you know which ones belong to Jesus? We can see the red ink. This represents the Blood of Jesus, which God the Father also sees. He knows which are His Children.
- 5. Now we know the devil's purpose is to try to destroy everyone that God loves. Just like in egypt, the death angel only could destroy in the homes where there was no blood, that is how it is with us.
- 6. Show how the death angel must pass by those who are marked with the blood. What happened to one without the mark of blood? At this point the paper people get ripped apart.
- 7. Everyday we can declare that we are children of the Most High God. We are covered by the Blood of Jesus and no curse can come on us. Death and destruction must pass by.
- 8. **Alternative:** Pick two children. Put the white clothing on each. One is a Christian, one is not. One has the red ink on them. "Interview" the Christian and ask them why they have



the red "blood" on them. The non-Christian will be prompted to not want anything to do with that Jesus stuff. Proceed as above. You can get an adult to play the part of the death angel.

Object Lesson 4: Breaking Curses and Releasing Blessings to Replace Curses

Point:

To alert children to the personal words they speak and receive. Then take them through the steps to freedom.

Props:

Curses and Blessings written on papers.

- 1. After teaching on curses and blessings, ask the children if they can give an example of a curse or blessing in their life.
- 2. Then read the curses below and ask if any have that in their life? Be led by the Spirit. Don't limit it to the list below.
- 3. Pray through, renounce and break agreement with curses. Ask for forgiveness from God and forgive yourself or the one who has spoken the curse. Then speak and receive the blessing to replace the curse that was affecting each life.
- 4. Some curses that we or others speak:
 - A. Bad things always happen to me.
 - B. I am always last.
 - C. They don't want me on their team.
 - D. i can never get it right.
 - E. I can never get up on time.
 - F. I am always sick.
 - G. I never have enough.
 - H. I lose things a lot.
 - I. I start but never finish.
 - J. I get a friend and they leave me.
 - K. It is always my fault.
 - L. God talks to others but not to me.
 - M. I can't do anything good.
- 5. Words of blessings to replace the curses that were renounced and broken:
 - A. Blessings chase me everyday cause I chase Jesus.
 - B. With Jesus I am right in line.



- C. There is a perfect place for me and the gifts I have for God's best.
- D. I do all things righteously.
- E. I am on time, for I walk with God.
- F. Healthy, healed and whole, that's my life in Jesus.
- G. I guard with care what I have.
- H. From the start to the end, everything I begin is finished.
- I. I am a true friend who is a blessing to God's friends.
- J. Blame bounces off of me and back to the enemy.
- K. My God talks to me. As I listen, I hear and obey every small thing He tells me.
- L. I am very good. So there is much good that I do big or small.

Object Lesson 5: The Choice Is Ours

Joshua 24:15 "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve..." (KJV)

Point:

We demonstrate what we receive by our choices. Once a curse is broken, the lies of the enemy will try to come back to see if they can re-enter our life to bring the curse into effect again. This will be an activation of what has been taught.

Props:

Cards with the lies from the previous lesson written on (or use the ones the children mentioned they have believed) and a person to play the enemy in a dramatic way.

Directions:

- 1. The enemy goes about the room seeking those who will let him come back in. He hands a child a lie and speaks it out loud.
- 2. The child chooses to keep it or speak truth to send him away. they should know a truth and if they don't remember, the teacher will give a truth to drive the lie away.
- 3. the enemy will continue with other children. Each time he is frustrated by the wisdom and truth the children walk in.
- 4. He leaves with the retort, "I'll be back!"

Object lesson 6: <u>I Can't Get Away</u>



Point:

To show the power of blessings and curses. Contrast curses and blessings that chase us. Proverbs 13:21 "Curses chase sinners, while blessings chase the righteous!" (TLB)

Props:

One blessing chaser; one curse chaser, a bag for each. The blessing chasers bag should be filled with good things and the curse chaser's bag with bad things. Pictures to construction paper or have objects that represent each and place them in the bags. These two people are to follow a child everywhere they go.

Directions:

- 1. Select a child who is willing to be the sinner. Give a few examples of the kind of sin they walk in. Examples: not tithing, saying bad words, stealing money from Mom's purse, lying about doing homework, buying candy with lunch money.
- 2. The curse chaser comes up. The teacher will tell the child to walk with her, turn there, sit down, crawl under the table and so on. Every place the child goes, the curse chaser is right on his back, putting curses in his hand, taping them on his back, putting them in his pocket, ect. He can't get away from the curses. They are stuck like glue.
- Examples of curses: cavities, failing grades and bad report cards, children breaking into locker or desk and stealing from him, headaches, children calling him names, sickness, ect.
- 4. Choose a child who is obedient. Follow the same theme. Use blessings for obedience to chase him. He can't get away. He is overloaded with blessings. They get so heavy he can barely walk.
- 5. Ask the children which they want chasing them.

Object Lesson 7: Bible Search

Point:

The Word of God is filling with God's promises. They are ours for the taking by our obedience to God.

Props:

Cards (this is a good way to recycle old greeting cards. Just cut the front off the message.), write Bible blessings on them. Place these cards throughout the Bible.



Directions:

- 1. Start with an exhortation of how much God desires to give us good gifts. We are to hunger for God's Word like we do for our favorite food.
- 2. Ask the children to name their favorite foods. Get them thinking how much they love those foods.
- 3. Then bring it to the Word. The food passes away. Do you know how? Of course they will tell you. But God's Word is life and abides or lives forever.
- 4. Let's search the Word to find the good things that God has planned for each of us.
- 5. Children will page through the Bible and find a card (a Bible Blessing). Read it out loud, then have the children repeat the Bible blessing.
- 6. You can tape these to the board and use them later as declarations for the children to say.

Object Lesson 8: Spies on a Mission

Point:

Where God has called us He has blessed us. Our perception will determine our direction. Are we willing to overcome the enemy and drive him out? Will we walk in the blessing or wander in the place of never enough?

Props:

Objects, pictures or cards with words or hindrances that would try to stop the fulfillment of the promise God gave for your church, family and community. Also have some blessings that are in your area and church including natural recourses.

- 1. Before class hide the things around the room. Have a few chairs laying on the floor in disarray. Have a few tissues pulled out of the box and thrown on the floor.
- 2. After the main teaching, ask the children if they are God's spies who hunt out the enemy like a hunting god hunts out the rabbit hiding in the bushes? Show the dog. Do we stop short? No! We keep searching. We speak god's Word.
- 3. Today I "smell" that the enemy has been up to no good. He must want us to leave this church or class. Do you remember how the room was messed up when we came in? Well that is a way the enemy tries to make us want to stop. He wants us to think he is powerful and in control, but he is not. God called us to be in control and drive him out.
- 4. I need some real spies that will uncover the enemy's lies. Let the volunteers, one at a time bring a hidden obstacle to you until all are found. Read it with the child and ask



them what they think? The class may also want to answer. They will also find some blessings. They will have to decide if they are from the enemy or if God put that here for us. If God did then we keep it.

- 5. Pray, repent, decree what God has set for your church. Pray and speak blessing over the land, church and people. After the children break the power of the lies they will be thrown in a trash can. At the end of the lesson, have a helper set the "trash" outside the door. We drove out the enemy and his curses.
- 6. Examples of Hindrances:
 - A. It is too cold or hot here.
 - B. You don't have enough teachers.
 - C. Your babies are always sick.
 - D. The factory closed.
 - E. There are no jobs for people.
 - F. Other churches don't like your praise.
 - G. The schools are unsafe.
 - H. Class is going to be boring.
 - I. You know your teacher is mean.
 - J. The bugs are big and bite.

7. Examples of God's Blessings:

- A. Your teacher loves you.
- B. The corn grows big and tall.
- C. God is healing everyday.
- D. Praise is fun and puts the devil on the run.
- E. People are asking to get saved.
- F. The church is a family.
- G. There is a new prayer group in our school.

Drama Skit: My Bag's Better Than Your Bag

Point:

When given the choice generally people will choose life. God has placed inside of each of us the desire to want to live and live abundantly in His blessings.

Character:

Willy the worry wart has a dirty torn shirt on. Under that he wears nice clothing. Polly Anna the optimist with a blunt point of view.



Willy has a bag of rotten garbage or trash (curses.) Polly has a beautiful bag of great stuff and food (blessings). Then try to give away their bags of stuff. Which will the children want? Each enters carrying their bags. Willy: I just can't seem to find anyone who wants what I have to give away. Polly: It's no wonder no one wants you bag of stuff. Look at you! You look worse that the stuff in your bag. Willy: What do you mean? I always look like this! Oh, I hope the poor sick dog gets better real soon. Polly: Dogs get better!!...The dog's not the problem! You need a change. You have the same ripped dirty clothes on that you have worn since first grade! Willy: Well I don't like to change my clothes!!! Besides my mom doesn't have to wash clothes if I don't change them. Polly: Your mom must have a nose of steel. (Pinches her nose shut with her fingers.) I bet you haven't taken a bath since the first day of school! The smell is enough to keep even the vultures away. That is really bad! Willy: So you think I need to clean up my act, hun?

Hey, it could only help.

I'll be right back. (Exits back stage.)

Polly:

Willy:



Polly:

I can't imagine where he's off to. Well, let's see, I have these new...... (Pulls things out of her bag and talks about them.)

Willy:

(Enters: Clean and in nice clothes.) Hey, hey, hey, I'm back and ready to give all this stuff to the next one I meet.

Polly:

Well you have made a step. But....(takes a few deep breaths.) I still smell the garbage in your bag. That is what needs changed the most.

Willy:

You don't know what you are talking about. Boys and girls love gross stuff. Look around. It's a way of life.

Polly:

That is not true. They only believe those lies because that is what they hear they can have. But I know if you and I were to meet one of them and offer your bag of garbage lies or my bag of treasure truths, I know they would chose this bag. (Holds it up.)

Willy:

I see one coming now. Let's just see who wants what I have to offer. Who wants to check out my bag. Okay, you come on up here.

(Willy goes through the bag and pulls out pictures or words of the curses and tries to get the child to receive them.) Examples: Fear, murder, socks with holes, sickness, divorce, fighting, the last potato chip (and it's only a broken piece), drugs, bad grades, stealing, mean friends, bad dreams...

Polly:

Willy don't you force any of your junk on this girl.



Willy:

Oh, shush, once she sees this...(pulls one out of the bag) Here, how about some honest to goodness fear, with a couple of free scary movies. (Describe some examples of curses and try to convince in a funny way how the child "can't live without them.")

Polly:

Can't live without them!!! Willy Worry Wart, now you stop lying. Of course she can. She would wise to live much better and longer with my blessings than your curses.

Willy:

Now, wait a minute, I have to show her my perfect report card. Every girl would love to have a perfect card like this. (pulls out a report card and continues to brag about how perfect it is.)

Polly:

Let me see that card. (Takes it from Willy.) Perfect!!!! What do you mean? This has all F's on it. You failed every subject.

Willy:

I told you it was perfect. (Speaking to the girl.) So how would you like to have a report card like this. One that your parents couldn't stop talking about?

After the child refuses, Polly brings out the blessings that are the opposite of the curses that Willy used. She goes through her bag. The child should want the blessings. Keep giving blessings to the child until her arms are full.

Polly:

Okay, now it's my turn. This is what God has wanted all along to bless each of His children with. Look at my report card. How would you like A's. Studying and learning God's way is sure to bring success. When you choose to obey God, He has so much to send to you. (Continue blessing with the opposites of curses.)

<u>Examples of Curses</u> <u>Examples of Blessings</u>

Fear Peace Murder Life

Socks with holes New socks Sickness Health



Divorce Happy marriage

Fighting Friendship

The last potato chip A full bag of potato chips

Drugs Righteousness, peace and joy

Bad grades Class honors
Stealing Honesty
Mean friends Kind friends

Bad dreams Restful sleep

These are more effective with a picture included with each one.



TEACHER'S STUDY NOTES BLESSINGS AND CURSES

1. BLESS OR BLESSING

A. Definitions

- Bless: In this form the word can mean to set apart, consecrate, to favor or empower, to speak well of, including speaking well of God, people, places and situations; bless the Lord, oh my soul.
- 2) Blessing: When a Christian speaks a blessing, we are declaring God's highest and best. A blessing spoken in faith with God includes the power to bring the word to fulfillment.
- B. When we walk in God's blessing we are empowered to succeed.
- C. Scriptures related to blessings.

Deuteronomy 28:1-3 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. "And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God: "Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country." (NKJ)

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.(NIV)

Psalms 119:1-2 "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart! " (NKJ)

Proverbs 13:21 "Evil pursues sinners, but to the righteous, good shall be repaid." (NKJ)

D. The prophetic has the anointing to destroy a curse and bring life.

II Kings 2:19-22 "The men of the city said to Elisha, "Look, our lord, this town is well situated, as you can see, but the water is bad and the land is unproductive." "Bring me a new bowl," he said, "and put salt in it." So they brought it to him. Then he went out to the spring and threw the salt into it, saying, "This is what the LORD says: 'I have healed this water. Never again will it cause death or make the land unproductive." And the water has remained wholesome to this day, according to the word Elisha had spoken." (NIV)



2. CURSE

A. Definitions

- 1) A very simple definition for curse is empowered to fail. It is bad stuff that causes torment and struggles.
- 2) So when we are living under a curse, we are empowered to fail. Not a promising future. But when "stuff" happens again and again. The cycle is a clue that we need to seek God for the source.
- 3) In the scriptures a curse was believed to be more than just wishing evil would come on your enemies; a curse possessed the power to bring the word spoken against the enemy to come to pass.
- 4) Curses spoken with direct intention by those who have relational (parents, spouse, ect.) or spiritual (pastors, ministers, government heads) authority can have serious consequences.
- 5) Scriptures related to curses

Proverbs 3:33 "The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous." (NIV)

Deuteronomy 28:14-15 "So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:" (NKJ)

Psalms 119:21 "You rebuke the proud-- the cursed, who stray from Your commandments." (NKJ)

Proverbs 13:21 "Evil pursues sinners, but to the righteous, good shall be repaid." (NKJ)

3. THE PROTECTION PLAN

- A. God is a just and righteous Father. God set up the blessing and cursing system He made blessings to reward the obedient and the curse as the penalty or consequence for those who chose to rebel against His commandments. God who is merciful knows only show mercy. Acting without justice would be against His character and would never bring a pure church to maturity. His covenant would only be as good as His Word.
- B. We get to choose.



Joshua 24:15 "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." (KJV)

C. A type of the "coming redemption" in the Old Testament.

Exodus 12:22-23 "And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. "For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you." (NKJ)

4. THE CROSS PLAN

A. In the New Testament we read of the grace of God demonstrated through the cross. Through the shed blood of the perfect Lamb, we can receive forgiveness of the sins that keeps curses in effect, even from previous generations. The payment to stop the curse and it's action was paid in full by the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:9-14 "So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." (KJV)

B. The responsibility of sins of the fathers are prophesied in the Old Covenant.

Ezekiel 18:2-3 "What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel." (KJV)



Ezekiel 18:19 "Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live." (KJV)

5. OUR RESPONSIBILITY

A. Our mouth is to speak as the oracles of God.

Ephesians 4:29 "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers." (NKJ)

1 Peter 4:11 "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen." (NKJ)

Psalm 39:1"I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me." (KJV)

Proverbs 18:21 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." (KJV)

6. OUR RESPONSE

- A. When we see people suffering under the effects of the curse or reaping the rewards of blessings we have a choice. Don't point fingers or judge and don't complain. Rejoice with them in blessings and if they are being affected by curses, ask if they want prayer or help to be free.
- B. My enemies are the world, the flesh (what I want instead of God) and the devil.
- C. We do not fight against flesh and blood (people).

Ephesians 6:12 "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." (NKJ)

- D. Curses and sin wants a body to make it its slave. When siin rules in our life, it tells us what to do. It is boss or Lord. We must get rid of it and our self centeredness, the "Me First" attitude. Repentance and humbling ourselves in the sight of God keeps us open to God's full favor and closed to the fruits of curses.
- E. Jesus taught us how to deal with curses: "bless those who curse you." Luke 6:28.



Proverbs 26:2 "Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest." (NIV)

7. A PRAYER THAT HAS TREMENDOUS POWER

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 "And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow. And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested." (KJV)



		NAME:		
BLESSING	AND CURS	ES STUDY SHE	ET	
Memory verse: Say out loud	d three times	s and underline tl	ne bold words.	
Galatians 3:13 "Christ redeemo			•	
Galatians 3:14 "He redeemed might come to the Gentiles throne receive the promise of the Spir	ough Christ	•		
2. A curse brings: (Circle the o	correct answ	rers)		
Cancer Death Lack Good	d friends D	ivorce Failure	Peace Joy	
3. A blessing brings: (Circle the correct answers)				
God's Favor Life Freedom	Sickness	Good Friends	Fear Failure	
4. Fill in the blanks using the following words: Faith; Blessing; Bless; Words say out loud three times.				
I am a and I		_others with	of	
REQUIREMENTS: YOUNGER CHILDREN QUESTIONS 1 - 4; OLDER CHILDREN; ALL				
5. What does redeem mean?_ (If you need help to answer, us				



	Memorize this verse:Proverbs 13:21 "Curses chase sinners, while blessings ase the righteous!" (TLB)
	Which do you want chasing you? Curses Blessings
7.	Paste or draw a picture of a curse and a blessing on the back of this page.
8.	Bible Reading: This week <u>read</u> Deuteronomy Chapter 28.
	A. v. 2 What brings Blessings? B. v. 15 What brings Cursing upon us?
	Challenge: (Not required). Read II Kings 2:19-22: A prophetic word from God can break a see and release a blessing even on land and water.
	Who was the prophet who spoke the word?