

We begin our Summer Quarterly with two lessons from Ecclesiastes, written by Lonnie Craig. This is part of an ongoing work he is developing on this book of wisdom and we look forward to seeing the completed work. Lonnie serves several churches in Arkansas and we welcome him as a writer.

Most of the rest of the lessons are taken from the summer of 1945. Daniel Smead pointed out that a lesson written for August 12, 1945 looks almost prophetic as the atomic bombs would have fallen the week before the lesson was studied and Japan surrendered two days after the lesson. In what is our lesson nine, A.M Jones wrote: “*(Japan) prospered for a short season; but evil sooner or later goes down, so the people of Japan are facing today what Germany has already met, complete collapse.*”

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