Bible Passages Set for Recitations

In both Form I and Form II, Charlotte Mason occasionally assigned specific Scripture passages for Recitations. We thought it might be helpful for parents and teachers to publish those in an easy-to-reference format in conjunction with the Scripture passages assigned for those terms in their Bible Lessons.

Please know that there were often terms with no specified passages for Recitation, so parents and teachers should feel free to choose a different passage from the Scripture studied that term. It may be useful, however, to have these passages as an example and reference even when choosing age/Form-appropriate Scripture Recitations. Usually the Scripture passage assigned for recitation just listed the chapter from which the verses should be chosen.

Form I students were to recite two passages of Scripture each term, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, of about 6 verses each, chosen from the Scripture passages to be studied that term.

Form II students were to recite two passages of Scripture each term, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, of about 12 verses each, chosen from the Scripture passages to be studied that term.

New Testament

Paterson-Smyth Commentary Lessons	Scripture Passages Covered	Form I Recitation Passages	Form II Recitation Passages
St. Matthew 1-7	Matthew 1:1-9:35	Mt. 2:7-12; Mt. 2	Mt. 8
St. Matthew 8-15	Matthew 9:35- ch. 21	Mt. 14 (choose from v. 13 on); Mt. 16; Mt. 25	Mt. 13; Mt. 17:1-13
St. Matthew 16-24	Matthew 21:18- ch. 28	Mt. 22; Mt. 25	Mt. 25; Mt. 26
St. Mark 1-8	Mark 1-9:8	Mark 1; Mark 6	
St. Mark 9-16	Mark 9-16	Mark 11	Mark 9
St. Mark 17-24	Acts 1-8	Acts 2; Acts 3	Acts 2
(none)	Luke 1-7	Luke 2	Luke 4; Luke 6
(none)	Luke 8-15	Luke 9	Luke 15
(none)	Luke 16-20	Luke 16:1-10; Luke 19	Luke 24

Old Testament: Keep in mind that the number of terms in the rotation varied. The table below shows the Recitation passages assigned over the various terms when the corresponding Lessons were set for Bible.

Paterson-Smyth Commentary Lessons	Scripture Passages Covered	Form I Recitation Passages	Form II Recitation Passages
Book of Genesis 1-7	Genesis 1-15	Gen. 7; Gen. 8:1-9	Gen. 1:1-13; Gen. 2
Book of Genesis 9-16	Genesis 16-33	Gen. 18; Gen. 28	Gen. 24
Book of Genesis 17-22	Genesis 37-50	Gen. 37; Gen. 41; Gen. 45	Gen. 40; Gen. 45
Moses and the Exodus 1-8	Exodus 1-12	Ex. 2; Ex. 3	Ex. 3
Moses and the Exodus 9-16	Exodus 12-20, 32-36; Numbers 13, 14	Ex. 13; Ex. 14; Ex. 32	Ex. 15; Ex. 33
Moses and the Exodus 17-24	Numbers 16, 20-24, 31; Deuteronomy 34	Num. 21; Num. 22	Num. 22; Deut. 34
Joshua and the Judges Part I 1-8	Joshua 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19-21	Josh. 1; Josh. 5; Josh. 6	Josh. 1; Josh. 3
Joshua and the Judges Part I 9-10, Part II 1-6	Joshua 22-24; Judges 2-7, 11	Jud. 5; Jud. 6	Jud. 5; Jud. 7
Joshua and the Judges Part II 7-14	Judges 13-16; I Samuel 1-8	I Sam. 1; I Sam. 3	I Sam. 2
Prophets and Kings pp. 1-20	I Samuel 9-26, 31; II Samuel 1	I Sam. 17	I Sam. 16
Prophets and Kings pp. 20-35	I Samuel 18-24; II Samuel 1-7	I Sam. 20	
Prophets and Kings pp. 35-50	II Samuel 11, 12, 18; I Kings 3-11	II Sam. 22:8-16	
Prophets and Kings pp. 50-69	I Kings 16-19, 21, 22; II Kings 2, 4, 5, 14; Jonah	I Kings 17:1-6	I Kings 19