

LESSON I—October 3rd, 1897.

Paul's Last Journey to Jerusalem. Acts 21: 1-15.

(Read verses 1-17. Commit to memory verses 18-16).

GOLDEN TEXT: "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." Acts 21: 13.

PROVE THAT—We should encourage others. Col. 3: 16.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 95. *To whom is baptism to be administered?* A. Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

LESSON HYMNS. Nos. 533, 239, 455, 305. (Old Hymnal Nos. 117, 111, 115, 183).

DAILY PORTIONS.—*Monday.* Paul's last journey to Jerusalem. Acts 21: 1-15. *Tuesday.* Arrival in Jerusalem. Acts 21: 16-26. *Wednesday.* Fury of the Jews. Acts 21: 27-39. *Thursday.* Bearing the cross. Mark 8: 31-38. *Friday.* Christ's reproof. Luke 13: 31-35. *Saturday.* Choosing affliction. Heb. 11: 20-27. *Sabbath.* In nothing ashamed. Phil. 1: 18-30. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections.*)

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. Having taken an affectionate farewell of the Ephesian elders, Paul continued his journey to Jerusalem Trace his course on the map. Time, April and May A. D. 58.

LESSON PLAN. I. Friends by the Way. vs. 1-9. II. Foes at the End. vs. 10-15.

1. **Gotten**—R. V. "parted." **Coos**—or Cos, an island interesting to Luke as having a famous medical college. **Rhodes**—"The island of roses," famous for its beauty and for the Colossus that bestrode the entrance to its harbor. **Pat'ara**—A seaport of Lycia. Here was a celebrated temple of Apollo. 2. **Phœnicia**—The country between Lebanon and the sea. Its chief cities were Tyre and Sidon. 3. **Discovered**—properly "sighted." It does not mean that Cyprus was now found for the first time. **Cyprus**—The island visited by Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey. **Syria**—This was the general name for the whole district from Cilicia to Egypt. **Tyre**—A very ancient and celebrated city. It is now only a small fishing village, as predicted (Ezek. 26: 14). 4. **Finding disciples**—The words imply that they had to search for them. Probably there were but few in the great heathen city. **Through the Spirit**—They were divinely inspired regarding Paul's visit to Jerusalem (20: 23). **Go up to Jerusalem**—R. V. "set foot in Jerusalem." The Holy Spirit told them that there was danger to Paul. The advice they gave was not inspired as Paul well knew (verse 14). **Children**—These are mentioned here for the first time as part of the christian church. 7. **Ptolema'is**—Now *Acre* near the promontory of Mt. Carmel, 30 miles from Tyre. 8. **Caesarea**—The residence of the Roman governor of Syria. They seem to have come hither by land. The distance was about 40 miles. **One of the Seven**—referring to the deacons chosen in Acts 6: 3, 5. 9. **Prophecy**—These daughters of Philip were under the supernatural influence of the Holy Spirit. Doubtless they too warned Paul of dangers ahead. 10. **Ag'abus**—Some 14 or 15 years before he had foretold a famine (ch. 11: 28). 11. **Girdle**—The sash with which the loose outer robe was confined around the waist. 12. **Both we**—For the first time the courage of Paul's companions falters. Luke and Timothy were amongst them. 13. **Break my heart**—The phrase does not refer to Paul's sorrow intensified by their demonstrative grief, but to their effort to make him change his purpose. The "breaking of the heart" signifies the weakening of resolution. They were trying to make Paul less "stout-hearted." 15. **Carriages**—An obsolete word formed from "carry," like "luggage" from "lug," and baggage from "bag." It means "things carried" (1 Sam. 17: 22; Isa. 10: 28). They "packed up" and continued their journey.

LESSONS. 1. We should not linger on the way because of dangers ahead. 2. When visiting a strange place go to your own church. 3. When strangers come in treat them courteously. 4. The Holy Spirit is impartial in his gifts. None need hold back because of sex, or station in life. 5. Be ready to face anything for Christ's sake.