

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

SECOND QUARTER.—STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

B. C. 710. LESSON VII. THE SAVIOUR'S KINGDOM; or, The Promise of Peace. Micah 4, 1-8. May 18.

EXPLANATORY AND PRACTICAL.

Verse 1. But. The first three verses of the chapter are similar to Isa. 2, 2-4, where they are probably repeated from this prophecy. In the last days, or at the close of the period then in progress. The gospel dispensation, however long in duration, is the last and crowning period of God's grace. 1. "We are living in those times which the Bible terms 'the last days.'" Mountain of the house of the Lord. Mount Zion, in its widest sense, including the closely connected and subordinate hill of Moriah, on which the temple was standing. 2. "Our Zion is the Church of Christ, which rises as a mountain over all the lands." Established. Or "a thing established," to denote the firmness and permanence of the gospel. 3. The cause of Christ is a settled, established fact, not to be ignored or set aside by men. Top of the mountains. "At the head of the mountains." The prophet beholds Mount Moriah as if elevated and enlarged to leadership among the hills of Jerusalem, a poetical expression to indicate the coming prominence and power of God's cause. 4. "Christ's Church stands in prominence and power over all the lands of earth." People shall flow. The prophet's eyes are fixed upon the thronging hosts of the future Christian church pouring out of all nations, as if the order of nature were reversed, and the rivers were flowing upward, toward the heights crowned by the house of God. 5. "The blessings of the Gospel dispensation are not confined to one race, but are the common heritage of the world." Come, and let us go. The picture is not of a kingdom which gains territory by conquest, but by the voluntary desire of the surrounding peoples. 6. "So the church of Christ receives only those who choose to assume its vows and enjoy its privileges." 7. "Those who would be taught by Christ must go to him." He will teach us. These two clauses should be translated, "That he may teach us concerning his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." 8. "We should drink at the fountain, and learn of God's ways from God himself." 9. "It is needful not only to know the paths of God, but also to walk in them." The law shall go forth. God gives his law to Zion, and Zion to the world. 10. "Christ's Church is the dispenser of light and truth to all mankind." 3. He shall judge between many peoples." The prophet looks forward to a time when God's word, and not the warrior's sword shall be evoked to decide in the differences of nations. When we remember the bloody wars of the present age, and contemplate the immense standing armies of Europe, it would appear that this period must still be far in the future; yet in the comparison of past and present it is found—1. That wars are less frequent than in ancient times. 2. That formerly war was the normal condition of nations, and peace was only made as a truce for a definite time, while peace is now the prevailing relation between civilized States, and war is only occasional. 3. That no nation at present time undertakes war without at least some show or claim of right in its cause. 4. That the principle of arbitration is now adopted by many nations in the settlement of differences. Rebuke strong nations. The gospel wins its way among the nations of earth, not by compliance and compromise, but by its steady protest and rebuke against wrongdoing. Swords into plowshares. The plow of Oriental countries is made of wood, and tipped with a piece of iron of such a shape as might easily be transformed into a short sword for war, and back again into a plowshare during peace. Pruning-hooks. Knives fastened to long handles, and used for trimming grapevines. Not lift up a sword. In the childhood of the race, quarrels between nations were decided by blows; now, in its intelligent manhood, they should be avoided through the reason of men and the principles of the gospel. Neither shall they learn war. As Christianity advances, the preparations for war are made less and less. In the forty millions of population among the United States there are less than twenty-five thousand soldiers, and these are principally employed to keep order among the uncivilized Indians. 4, 5. Under his vine. The vine and fig tree are seen in the court-yard of almost every Oriental house, and the shade under which much of the family life is enjoyed. A time of quiet and peace, and happy

households, is here pictured. The mouth of the Lord. 11. "What God has said no human power can resist." When God gives peace nothing can bring trouble. For all people will walk. The sense of this passage is, "Let other nations serve their own gods: we will serve the Lord, who is mighty above them all." 12. "Every heart has its God, which it serves with highest devotion." 13. "Let us choose for our God the Lord, who gives peace and power." 6, 7. In that day. The time of Messiah's kingdom, or the Gospel dispensation. Her that halleth. The stricken, broken remnant which still served God in the midst of a backslidden nation. Her that is driven out. The prophet looks beyond the coming destruction of the Jewish state and the exile of the Jewish people, to a time of restoration and the enjoyment of renewed privilege under the gospel. Her that I have afflicted. 14. "The afflictions which nations, and churches, and individuals suffer have a divine origin and a divine purpose." A remnant. The remnant of Judah, surviving after the destruction of the kingdom, was to be the root out of which all this glory should grow. A strong nation. The Church of Christ is here predicted, that chosen nation of God, which has shown its strength by enduring the utmost of human opposition. Reign in Mount Zion. Christ's rule through the Gospel, "beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24, 47. 8. Tower of the flock. The castle of David on Zion, which stood among the dwellings of the city like a tower protecting the flocks pasturing around it. Stronghold. The word in the original is "Opbel," which was the name of a hill or descent just outside of the temple, and extending southward to the valley of Hinnom. First dominion. Rather, "the former dominion;" a promise that the ancient power of the nation shall be restored. GOLDEN TEXT: Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob. Micah 4, 2. DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION: The universal reign of Christ. The next lesson is Joel 2, 29-32.



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LESSON IN POLITENESS.

A friend of Dean Swift one day sent him a turbot as a present, by a servant who had frequently been on similar errands, but had never received anything for his trouble. Having gained admission, he opened the study door, and putting the fish on the floor, cried out rudely:—"Master sent you a turbot."

"Young man," said the dean, rising from his easy chair, "is that the way you deliver a message? Sit down in my chair; we will change places, and I will teach you how to behave in the future." The boy sat down, and the dean going out, came up to the door, and making a low bow said:—"Sir, master presents his compliments, hopes you are well and requests your acceptance of a small present."

A WHITE SQUALL.

Some years ago two large ships met in mid ocean, one heading for Australia and the other homeward bound. The day was fair, and the wind dying away, the vessels were becalmed close together. The passengers at once busied themselves to write letters home, and officers and crew became occupied in the interchanges of civilities. The placidity of the weather led to a feeling of carelessness security that can never be safely indulged in at sea. All the canvases were set, idly flapping against the masts, when a terrific squall struck both ships and passed off in a few moments.

When the confusion and excitement resulting from it was over, and the crew of one of these vessels was able to relax the attention demanded for their own safety they looked to see what damage the other vessel had received, but they looked in vain. She had gone down with all on board, and not a vestige of her was to be seen anywhere on the wide sea, which looked serene and beautiful as if nothing had happened.—S. G. W. Benjamin, in Multitudinous Seas.

THE LOGIC OF A HOLY LIFE.

Some years ago a young man, who gave clear evidence that he was truly a subject of the regenerating grace of God, was asked what had led to the change in him, as he had been wild and thoughtless. Was it any sermon or book that had impressed him? He proudly answered "No!" "What was it, then?" "Did any one speak to you specially on the subject of religion?" The same response was given. "Will you then state what first led you to think of your soul's eternal welfare?" The reply was: "I live in the same boarding-house, and eat at the same table with J— Y—." "Well, did he ever talk to you about your soul?" "No, never till I sought an interview with him," was the reply. "But," he continued, "there was a sweetness in his disposition heavenly-mindedness, a holy aroma about his whole life and demeanor, that made one feel that he had a source of comfort and peace and happiness to which was a stranger. There was a daily beauty in his life that made me ugly. I became more and more dissatisfied with my life every time I saw him; and though as I did, he never spoke to me on the subject of personal religion till I myself sought an interview, yet his whole life was a constant sermon to me. He was a livingistle, speaking by action so clearly that could resist no longer; and according, I went and sought an interview with him. We held repeated conversations with each other. Then he pointed me to Jesus Christ, prayed with me, counselled, watched over me."—Chris. Ad.

A CHILD SAVED.

Some years ago a Pacific steamer took shore, which was not far distant. The thought of the passengers was self-preservation. One man was returning from California with a treasure of gold, the result of years of toil and sacrifice had just buckled his belt containing gold around him, and was preparing to leap into the water and swim to the shore, when he was addressed by a little girl. "Sir can you swim?" said she. "I won't you please, sir, save my heart." request sent a thrill to his heart. He could not save the child and his treasure. One or both must be lost. It was a question to be decided in a moment of time, or the loss of the savings of his life, as an instantaneously but mighty angel. Yet manhood, humanity, self-conquered. He unbuckled his belt. He cast his gold aside. He took the little child in his arms and plunged into the water. A child was saved but gold was lost.