

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FOURTH QUARTER: STUDIES IN THE HISTORY OF JUDAH.

LESSON X. THE BOOK OF THE LAW FOUND.

[Dec. 4.]

GOLDEN TEXT. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. *Psa. 119. 2.*

AUTHORIZED VERSION.

[Read 2 Chron. 34.]

2 Kings 22. 8-20. [*Commit to memory verse 19.*]

8 And Hil-ki'ah the high priest said unto Sha'phan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hil-ki'ah gave the book to Sha'phan, and he read it.

9 And Sha'phan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the Lord.

10 And Sha'phan the scribe showed the king, saying, Hil-ki'ah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Sha'phan read it before the king.

11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

12 And the king commanded Hil-ki'ah the priest, and A-hi-kam the son of Sha'phan, and Ach'bor the son of Mi-chai'ah, and Sha'phan the scribe, and Asa-hiah a servant of the king's, saying,

13 Go ye, inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Ju'dah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

14 So Hil-ki'ah the priest, and A-hi-kam, and Ach'bor, and Sha'phan, and Asa-hiah, went unto Hul'dah the prophetess, the wife of Shal'lum the son of Tik'vah, the son of Har'has, keeper of the wardrobe; now she dwelt in Je-ru-sa-lem in the college; and they communed with her.

15 And she said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Is-ra-el, Tell the man that sent you to me,

16 Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Ju'dah hath read:

17 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

18 But to the king of Ju'dah which sent you to

REVISED VERSION.

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9 it. And Sha'phan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen that have the oversight of the house of the

10 Lord. And Sha'phan the scribe told the king, saying, Hil-ki'ah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Sha'phan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of

12 the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hil-ki'ah the priest, and A-hi-kam the son of Sha'phan, and Ach'bor the son of Mi-ca'iah, and Sha'phan the scribe,

13 and Asa-i'ah the king's servant, saying, Go ye, inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Ju'dah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

14 So Hil-ki'ah the priest, and A-hi-kam, and Ach'bor, and Sha'phan, and Asa-i'ah, went unto Hul'dah the prophetess, the wife of Shal'lum the son of Tik'vah, the son of Har'has, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Je-ru-sa-lem in the second quarter;) and they communed with her. And she said unto them, Thus saith the Lord, the God of Is-ra-el: Tell ye the man that sent you unto me,

16 Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Ju'dah hath read: because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this

18 place, and it shall not be quenched. But unto the king of Ju'dah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall ye say to him,

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