

Lesson XI. CLOSE OF PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY September 12, 1909

BETWEEN THE LESSONS—There is no break between Lessons X. and XI.

GOLDEN TEXT—The will of the Lord be done.—Acts 21 : 14.

Memorize vs. 13, 14. THE LESSON PASSAGE—Acts 21 : 1-17.

1 And ¹ it came to pass, that ² after we were ³ gotten from them, and had ⁴ launched, we came with a straight course unto ⁵ Co's, and the ⁶ day following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Pat'ara :

2 And ⁷ finding a ship sailing over unto ⁸ Phenicia, we went aboard, and set ⁹ forth.

3 Now when we had ¹⁰ discovered Cy'prus, ¹¹ we left it on the left hand, ¹² and sailed ¹³ into Sy'ria, and landed at Tyre : for there the ship was to unlade her burden.

4 And ¹⁴ finding disciples, we tarried there seven days : ¹⁵ who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not ¹⁶ go up to Jeru'salem.

5 And when ¹⁷ we had accomplished ¹⁸ those days, we departed and went ¹⁹ our way ; and they ²⁰ all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city : and ²¹ we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

6 And when we had taken our leave one of another, we took ship ; and they returned home again.

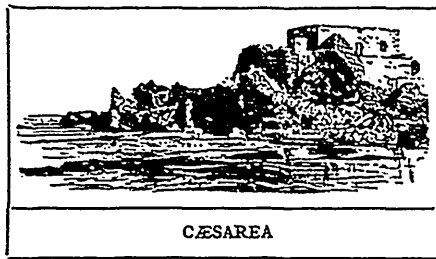
7 And when we had finished ²² our course from Tyre, we ²³ came to Ptolema'is, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.

8 And ²⁴ the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Cæsarea : and ²⁵ we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, ²⁶ which was one of the seven ; ²⁷ and abode with him.

Revised Version—¹ when ; ² On after ; ³ parted ; ⁴ set sail ; ⁵ Co's ; ⁶ next day ; ⁷ having found a ship crossing ; ⁸ Phenicia ; ⁹ sail ; ¹⁰ come in sight of ; ¹¹ leaving it ; ¹² we ; ¹³ unto ; ¹⁴ having found the disciples ; ¹⁵ and these said ; ¹⁶ set foot in ; ¹⁷ it came to pass that we ; ¹⁸ the ; ¹⁹ on our journey ; ²⁰ all, with wives and children, brought us on our way ; ²¹ kneeling down on the beach, we prayed, and bade each other farewell ; and we went on board the ship, but they returned ; ²² the voyage ; ²³ arrived at ; ²⁴ on the morrow we departed ; ²⁵ entering ; ²⁶ who ; ²⁷ we abode ; ²⁸ Now this man ; ²⁹ coming to us, and taking ; ³⁰ he bound ; ³¹ feet and hands ; ³² do ye, weeping and breaking my heart ; ³³ these ; ³⁴ baggage ; ³⁵ And there ; ³⁶ from ; ³⁷ bringing ; ³⁸ early.

Daily Readings—(Courtesy, I.B.R.A.)—M.—Close of the Third Missionary Journey, Acts 21 : 1-17. T.—“One of the seven”, Acts 6 : 1-7. W.—Agabus the prophet, Acts 11 : 22-30. Th.—Taking up the cross. Mk. 8 : 31-35. F.—Blessing in reproaches, Luke 6 : 17-23. S.—Facing persecution, Luke 18 : 28-34. S.—By life or death, Phil. 1 : 12-21.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED



CÆSAREA

I. THE VOYAGE.—1, 2. Gotten from them; a sad and difficult parting (see ch. 20 : 36-38). Launched; set sail. A straight course. For most of the places touched on the voyage, see Geography Lesson. A ship crossing over (Rev. Ver.); a larger ship fit to venture across the open sea. Unto Phenicia (Rev. Ver.); the strip of sea coast to the northwest of Palestine.

3, 4. Discovered; sighted, a sailor's word. Cyprus . . on the left; the island formerly visited by Paul and Barnabas, ch. 13 : 4. Unto Syria (Rev. Ver.); the Roman province which included Phenicia. At Tyre . . to unlade. Tyre was one of the chief ports of Phenicia. Having found

the disciples (Rev. Ver.); looked up the little company of Christians. Tarried . . seven days. It must have been a large ship to take so long to unload. Said . . through the Spirit. The Spirit had revealed to the disciples at Tyre, as He had already revealed to Paul himself (ch. 20 : 22, 23), that suffering and imprisonment awaited him at Jerusalem. Should not set foot in (Rev. Ver.). This was the counsel of the disciples, not part of the Spirit's instruction.

5, 6. Accomplished those days; while the ship was being unloaded. We departed, etc.; in spite of the persuasions of the friends at Tyre, v. 4. Brought us on our way; clinging to the apostle till the last possible moment. Kneeling . . on the beach (Rev. Ver.). The beach at Tyre is level and sandy for a considerable distance. Prayed; that Paul might be saved from threatening dangers.

7-9. Ptolemais; about thirty miles south of Tyre. Saluted the brethren; visited and conversed with the disciples. Unto Cæsarea . . house of Philip; Philip the deacon, chs. 6 : 5; 8 : 5, 26, etc. Evangelist; one who preaches the gospel. Four daughters . . did prophesy; not necessarily the foretelling of future events, but often, as here, simply to tell forth God's will.

II. THE WARNING.—10-14. Many days; ten,