

THE ROMAN CENTURION.

**J**ESUS came down from the Judean mountains,  
Crowds followed him along the dusty way,  
Tracking His hurt feet to Capernaum  
Where the next object of His mission lay;  
Jesus my servant!

For me beside the city gates, the sentinel  
All helm'd and mailed stands in the burning sun.  
For me the undaunted servants of the Tiber  
Come for fresh orders when the day is done.  
One, lies a sufferer.

All night the fever raged, delirium triumphed,  
Save once I saw his eyes remembered me,  
My hand upon his brow, I asked his wants,  
His burning lips murmured but one sad plea,  
Jesus of Nazareth,

That Thou should'st come to me, I am not worthy,  
My glowing armor fires the Eagles fleet,  
But pales before the Lion of Judea  
My marble floors are not pure for Thy feet,  
Speak the word only.

In the stern hour of battle, when the legions  
Marched o'er the children of the Nile's proud night,  
The well aimed spear of the dark browed Egyptian  
Flew at my heart, my soldier checked its flight,  
Speak the word only.

Far in hot Nubia's desert I was resting,  
A lion rushed out from his secret lair,  
Two eyes beheld it, and the creature's talons.  
From wrist to shoulder laid his strong arm bare,  
Speak the word only.

We camped upon the snowy Appenines,  
Far up the mountain height the storm swept by,  
I slept, not knowing what his watch-coat carried  
Warmth to my veins, Jesus he must not die,  
Speak the word only.

The Roman soldier turned his eyes beseeching,  
Upon the calm gaze of the Lord of Death,  
And felt a gentle hand laid on his shoulder,  
Hope became certainty, Jesus of Nazareth,  
Spoke the word only.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE PENTATEUCH.

B.C. 1490.] LESSON VIII. [Nov. 20  
THE YEAR OF JUBILEE; OR, THE JOYFUL SOUND.

Lev. 25. 8-17. Commit to memory v. 10-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound. Psa. 89. 15.

OUTLINE.

1. The Jubilee Trumpet, v. 8-10.
2. The Jubilee Rest, v. 11, 12.
3. The Jubilee Return, v. 13-17.

TIME, PLACE, etc.—See Lesson II.

EXPLANATIONS.—See first page.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. The Jubilee Trumpet, v. 8-10.

How often did the year of Jubilee take place?  
How was it to be announced?  
On what day did it commence?

What did the jubilee trumpet proclaim? v. 10.

Who were to be free in that year?  
What did Christ proclaim in his ministry? Luke 4. 19.

What liberty did Christ bring to men? John 8. 34-36.

How should we regard the freedom which he gave us? Gal. 5. 1.

2. The Jubilee Rest, v. 11, 12.

How did the people rest during the jubilee year?

How did the land have rest?

Upon what were the people to live during that year?

How did this teach them to trust God's care? 1 Peter 5. 7.

What is Christ's promise concerning the support of our lives? Matt. 6. 32, 33.

What is the promise of Psa. 34. 10?

When may we trust God for our support?

3. The Jubilee Return, v. 13-17.

What was to be returned at the jubilee? [See Explanations.]

To whom was it to be returned?

What exception was made to this rule? v. 20.

What was this rule intended to teach? v. 23.

How was property to be sold? v. 15, 16.

What command is given in v. 17?

How should we deal with others? Col. 3. 12, 13.

What is the summary of this lesson in the GOLDEN TEXT?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where does this lesson teach—

1. That God owns all the earth?
2. That we should trust God's care?
3. That we should be kind to our fellow-men?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

(For the entire school.) 1. How often did the year of jubilee take place? Every fiftieth year. 2. How was it proclaimed? By the blowing of trumpets. 3. What was the command concerning the land during that year? It was not to be planted. 4. What was the privilege of all slaves in that year? They were to become free. 5. What was to be done with the land that had been sold? It was to be given back.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTIONS.—God the supreme possessor.

B.C. 1452.] LESSON IX. [Nov. 27.  
THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS, OR, LIFTED UP TO SAVE.

Num. 21. 1-9. Commit to memory 7-9.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3. 14, 15.

OUTLINE.

1. Fidelity, v. 1-3.
2. Fear, v. 4, 5.
3. Destruction, v. 6.
4. Deliverance, v. 7-9.

TIME.—B.C. 1452, or thirty-eight years after the previous lessons of the quarter.

PLACES.—The wilderness south of Palestine, afterward the mountainous region east of the Gulf of Akabah.

CONNECTING LINKS.—1. The departure from Sinai. Num. 10. 11-36. 2. The arrival at Kadesh, on the border of Canaan, and the sending of spies. Num. 13. 1-20. 3. The report of the spies, the murmuring of the people, and their return to the wilderness by God's command. Num. 13. 21-34. 4. The thirty-eight years' wandering in the desert. (For list of stations, see Num. 33.) 5. The return to Kadesh, the sin of Moses, and the death of Aaron. Num. 20.

EXPLANATIONS.—(On names of persons and places see Descriptive Index.) Arad the Canaanite—Probably this should be translated, "the king of Arad of the Canaanites!" Arad being the name of a place, not a person. In the south—The region south of Palestine. By the way of the spies—By the same way that the spies had come. Num. 13. 21, 22. Since then the Israelites had wandered for nearly forty years in the desert. Fought against Israel—As he feared that they would conquer his country. Destroy their cities—As a sort of offering to God. Utterly destroyed them—This was then necessary, in order to prevent the Israelites from being led into their sins; and the hopes of the world's salvation depended upon the purity of the Israelites. By the way of—Along the shore of the Red Sea.

To go around Edom, since they could not go across it. Edom—The Edomites were descended from Esau as the Israelites were from his brother Jacob. No bread—This was not true, for God gave them manna. Fiery serpents—Either fiery in color, or like fire in the effect of their bites. Pray unto the Lord—They had more faith in Moses prayer than in their own. Serpent of brass—An image of a serpent. Behold the serpent—Thus showing faith in God's provision for mercy. The final history of this brazen serpent is given in 2 Kings 18. 4.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. Fidelity, v. 1-3.

Where were the Israelites at this time? [Ans. Not far from Canaan on the south.]

How long after the giving of the law was this? [Ans. Thirty-eight years.]

Who made war upon the Israelites? Why did he make war upon them? [See Explanations.]

What was the result of the warfare? What vow did the Israelites make? Why was it right to destroy these cities? [See Explanations.]

How did the Israelites keep their pledge? How does their conduct teach us to treat sin? 2 Cor. 6. 14.

2. Fear, v. 4, 5.

What took place at Mount Hor? Num. 20. 27, 28.

What joy they did they take? Where was Edom?

Why were they compelled to go around the land of Edom? Num. 20. 20, 21.

What was the relationship between the Edomites and Israelites?

What effect did the journey have on the people?

What is said of them in Psa. 107. 4, 5?

What was the effect of their discouragement? Why were their complaints unjust? Num. 20. 11.

How should we endure trouble? Heb. 12. 1, 2.

3. Destruction, v. 6.

How did God punish their murmurings? What warning do we find from their fate? 1 Cor. 10. 9.

What serpent is our enemy? Rev. 12. 9.

4. Deliverance, v. 7, 9.

How did the people show sorrow for their sin? Why was Moses's prayer of more avail than their own? James 5. 16.

What did God command Moses to do? How did this save the people?

How did this represent Christ? [GOLDEN TEXT.]

How may we be saved from the power of sin? Acts 16. 31.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where may we learn from this lesson—

1. To keep our vows to the Lord?
2. To be patient under discouragement?
3. To look to Christ for Salvation?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

(For the entire school.) 1. How long did the Israelites wander in the wilderness? Thirty-eight years. 2. Around what country did they then journey? The land of Edom. 3. What came among them as the punishment of their murmurings? Fiery serpents. 4. To what did the serpents drive the people? To sorrow for their sin. 5. What did God command Moses to do? To lift up a serpent of brass. 6. How were the people to be healed from the bite of the fiery serpents? By looking at the brazen serpent. 7. Who was thereby represented? Christ, lifted up to save men.

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