

LESSON I—October 3rd, 1897.

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

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

On what errand was Paul going up to Jerusalem? (ch. 24: 17). By what date did he wish to arrive there? (ch. 20: 16). From whom had he just parted? What made this parting peculiarly painful?

2, 3. Point out Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Tyre. What great cities were within the boundaries of Syria? What have we learned about Tyre in previous lessons? (1 Kings 9). Why was judgment pronounced against Tyre? (Amos 1: 7, 9). What prophet predicted its overthrow? (Isa. 23; Ezek. 27: 28). What infamous queen was a native of Tyre? (1 Kings 16: 31).

4. When was the gospel brought to Tyre? (ch. 11: 19). Have we evidence that there were disciples scattered throughout Phoenicia? (ch. 15: 3). Is it possible that Christ himself visited the neighborhood of Tyre? (Matt. 15: 21).

7, 8. Point out on the map Ptolemais and Caesarea. What famous convert had resided at Caesarea? (Acts 10: 1). When do we first read of Philip? (Acts 6: 5). What persecution drove him from Jerusalem? What noted convert did he gain? (ch. 8: 26, 40). What other references have we to the office of evangelist? (Eph. 4: 11; 2 Tim. 4: 5).

9. What O. T. prophecy was fulfilled in these young women? (Joel 2: 28; Acts 2: 17). Are there other instances of women being inspired? (Judg. 5; 1 Cor. 11: 5). This does not warrant the assumption of the sacred office by women. (1 Cor. 14: 34; 1 Tim. 2: 12).

10. On what occasion previous to this had Agabus uttered a prophecy? (ch. 1: 28). Would the fact of his just coming from Judea add force to his warning?

11. Other examples of prophetic actions are—Isa. 20: 3; Jer. 13: 5; 19: 10, 11; Ezek. 4: 1-3; 5: 1-4; 1 Kings 22: 11. Compare John 21: 18. When was this fulfilled? (verse 33).

12. Name two of Paul's companions. What is the difference between Paul's words here and the boast of Peter in Luke 22: 33?

13. What did Jesus say to Peter under similar circumstances? (Matt. 16: 23). When had Paul expressed the same lofty devotion? (ch. 20: 24). What had he already written to the Romans about suffering for Christ? (Rom. 8: 13, 28, 38, 39).

14. Where did the disciples learn these words? (Luke 22: 42; Matt. 26: 42).

LESSON II—October 10th, 1897.

Paul a Prisoner at Jerusalem. ACTS 22: 17-30.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

To whom did Paul report himself on his arrival at Jerusalem? What false reports had been circulated regarding him? How was it proposed to refute these? What cry roused the mob against him? Who rescued him? Whom did he suppose him to be?

17. Where did Paul go immediately after his conversion? (Gal. 1: 17). What class of Jews opposed him bitterly at Jerusalem? (Acts 9: 29). What other apostle received a message in the same way? (ch. 10: 10).

18. What reason for his departure is given elsewhere? (Acts 9: 29, 30). Is this inconsistent with the reason given in our lesson? Give another illustration of two causes both true? (Gal. 2: 2; Acts 15: 2).

19, 20. How is Saul's fury as a persecutor described? (Acts 8: 3; 9: 1). How does he describe it himself? (Acts 26: 11). What prediction of Christ did he fulfil? (Matt. 10: 17). Was Paul really guilty of Stephen's death? (Rom. 1: 32).

21. Had Paul a hint of his special work at his conversion? (Acts 9: 15; 26: 15-18). When was he formally set apart for this work? (ch. 13: 2, 46, 47). He "magnified his office" Rom. 11: 13; 15: 16; Gal. 1: 15, 16; Eph. 3: 7, 8; 1 Tim. 2: 7; 2 Tim. 1: 11.

23. Give other instances of casting off garments as a sign of excitement (Luke 19: 35, 36; 2 Kings 9: 13). Where do we read of dust thrown to indicate rage and hatred? (2 Sam. 16: 13; Compare Job. 2: 12).

24. Of whom would the scourge remind Paul? (Matt. 27: 26). Was he ever beaten? (2 Cor. 11: 24, 25; Acts 16: 22).

25. On what other occasions did Paul claim his rights as a Roman citizen? (ch. 16: 37; 25: 11).

29. What false merit did Lysias afterward claim for himself on account of Paul's citizenship? (ch. 23: 26-30).