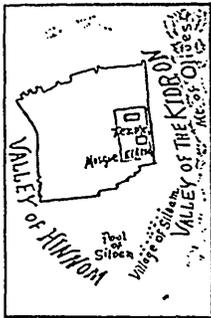


To Gihon ; a sacred place east of Jerusalem in the Kidron Valley, where there was a fountain.

34-37. Anoint him. This most solemn of the ceremonies at the setting apart of a new king pictured the outpouring upon him of gifts from above. (Compare 1 Sam. 10 : 1 ; 16 : 13 ; 2 Kgs. 9 : 3, 6 ; 2 Chron. 23 : 11.) Blow . . trumpet. Compare 2 Sam. 15 : 10 ; 2 Kgs. 9 : 13 ; 11 : 14. God save king Solomon ; a recognition of his heirship to the throne. Come up after him ; as his supporters and body-guard. Sit upon my throne ; as David's partner and successor. Amen ; "so let it be," a prayer and also an expression of determination that the king's will should be carried out. The Lord God . . say so ; for all planning and effort would be useless without His blessing and help.

38-40. Cherethites . . Pelethites ; foreign soldiers who formed the king's bodyguard. The horn of oil (Rev. Ver.) ; the sacred oil kept for such occasions and for the anointing of priests. (See Ex. 30 : 23-25.) Out of the tabernacle ; the tent on Mount Zion in which the ark was kept, 2 Sam. 6 : 17. Anointed Solomon ; the sign of his divine appointment. Blew the trumpet ; the announcement to the people. God save king Solomon ; the people's glad acceptance of their new king.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



The VALLEY OF THE KIDRON, nearly 3 miles long and running from north to south, forms the eastern boundary of the plateau on which Jerusalem is built. At the north, the valley is open, wide and shallow. This portion is known as the Valley of Nuts. After passing the temple area it rapidly narrows and deepens. The steep eastern slopes of the valley towards its southern end are

occupied by the houses of the modern village of Silwan, the ancient Siloam. To the north of this village, in the very bed of the valley, is the Virgin's Fountain, the ancient Gihon, whose spring was the original source of Jerusalem's water supply.

LESSON QUESTIONS

28, 29 Which of David's sons had laid claim to the throne? What prophet remonstrated with the

king? What was the king's answer? Explain the king's oath to Bathsheba. Where is God said to have taken an oath? (Heb. 6 : 13, 14.)

30, 31 Why was immediate action necessary if the throne was to be secured to Solomon? How did Bathsheba show her reverence? What wish did she express for David?

32, 33 For whom did David send? What command did he give them? Who were the "servants" of v. 33? How was the king's approval of the proceedings which he directed to be shown? Upon what beast did Jesus enter Jerusalem? (Matt. 21 : 7.)

34-37 What did Benaiah's "Amen" signify? Upon whose help did he rely for success?

38-40 What was the sign of Solomon's divine appointment as king? How was the choice made known to the people? How did the people express their approval? In what psalm does God proclaim His son as king? (Ps. 2 : 6.)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is the taking of oaths right?
2. Does God choose our rulers now?

A PRAYER

O Thou who dost rule over us in love, we seek Thy favor, which is life. Teach us the joy of serving Thee. May we know that happiness comes from yielding ourselves to Thee, and that the more thoroughly we yield ourselves the more complete will be our mastery of self. We praise Thee that we are made kings and priests unto God by Thy blessing upon us. Save us from sin, so that we may not dishonor Thee nor drag in the mire the royal robes which Thou hast put on us. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That we should honor our king.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man? A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

The Question on Missions—2. Why are Social Settlements needed in Canada? Because people have come to our cities in such numbers, that they have to live in a very crowded way. They need the influence of some homelike centre, and they need to be put in touch with the best things of Canadian civilization.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : 19 (Supplemental Lesson), 102, 90, 2 (Ps. Sel.), 541 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 100.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How was Solomon's appointment as king brought about?
2. In what manner was he set apart as king?

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