

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

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LESSON II.—JULY 12.

IDOLATRY ESTABLISHED.—1 Kings 12: 25-33. COMMIT VERSES 28-31.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.—Ex. 20:3.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

Disobedience to God ruins the brightest hopes. DAILY READINGS.

- M. 1 Kings 12: 18-25.
1 Kings 13: 1-10, 33, 34; 14: 19, 20.
W. 1 Kings 14: 21-30.
Th. 2 Chron. 12: 1-10.
Fr. 2 Chron. 13: 1-22.
Sa. Lev. 23: 1-21.
Su. Deut. 8: 1-20.

TIME.—R.C. 9:55, soon after the division of the Kingdom.

HEROLOGY.

KINGDOM OF JUDAH.

Rehoboam reigned 17 years. B.C. 975-957.
1. Vision of Shilohak. 975-970.
Aholah reigns 13 years. 957-944.

KINGDOM OF ISRAEL.

Jeroboam I. 22 years. B.C. 975-953.
Nadab, his son, 2 years. 953-951.

PARALLEL ACCOUNT.—2 Chron. chs. 11, 12.

CRIMINALS.—In our last lesson we saw the kingdom divided. The ten tribes, henceforth called Israel, elected Jeroboam their king. Rehoboam raised an army of 18,000 soldiers, and proposed to subdue the revolted tribes, but he was forbidden of God. Jeroboam immediately began to establish his kingdom, as recorded in to-day's lesson.

HEROLOGY'S PROSPECTS.—(1) Jeroboam was the first citizen of the people. (2) He had good talents and experience. (3) He had the promise of success from God. (4) He would serve him. (5) He had a large, populous, prosperous people. The prospects before him were bright, but he ruined them by want of faith in God.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.

25. BEHOLD, built up, fitted for his capital, Shechem: the largest town in Ephraim, his own tribe; centrally situated for his capital, and fertile; the hill country of Ephraim. 26. BEHOLD, (made of gold) east of the Jordan on the great Jabbok. It was for a defence of its eastern borders. Here Jacob wrestled with the angel, Gen. 28: 10-22. 27. IF THIS PEOPLE DO SACRILEGE, etc., if Jeroboam should continue to be a religious capital, and the people went up there three times a year as custom had, there would soon be a ruin of the kingdom. KILL ME, Jeroboam: to make the religion possible. 28. TWO CALVES, probably, 10,000 for the elements over the ark, and the e-blessed ones in Solomon's temple (1 Kings 7: 23-25). One of their four faces was that of an ox. He offered his worship to the old. They were not intended to be false gods, but symbols of Jeroboam. 29. BEHOLD, (house of gold), an ancient place of worship on the southern borders of Ephraim. 12 miles north of Jerusalem. DAN: an old 4-stone shrine in the extreme north, at the sources of the Jordan. (See Judg. 18: 1-20) 30. BECAUSE A SIN: (1) It broke the second commandment (2) It led to idolatry. (3) It made the people treacherous; (4) It led to the immorality of idol worship. 31. LOWEST OF THE PEOPLE: rather all classes of the people. 32. The people of the Levites had gone over to Rehoboam. (2 Chron. 11: 13, 14) 32. FRANK IN THE EIGHTH MONTH: instead of feast of Tabernacles, their thanksgiving day, in the seventh month as ordained by God.

QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—How long had Israel been one kingdom? How was made Rehoboam king? When was it divided? For what cause? How many tribes went from Rehoboam? Who was chosen their king?

SUBJECT: BRIGHT HOPES BLASTED BY DISOBEDIENCE.

I. BRIGHT PROSPECT OF JEROBOAM'S KINGDOM.—What had God promised Jeroboam? (1 Kings 11: 37, 38) On what condition? How would his natural ability and experience aid his prospects? (1 Kings 11: 28) By whose choice was he made king? (1 Kings 12: 21) What was the size and condition of his kingdom? Could his life and reign have been a great success? Have we equal hopes and prospects? II. WORLDFLY POLICY (vs. 23-25).—What place did Jeroboam make his capital? Why? What other place did he fortify? What fear arose in Jeroboam's mind? Was there danger in this direction? What policy did he propose as a guard against this danger? Why was it a false policy? Is any policy good that forfeits the favor of God, or breaks his laws?

III. THE RESULT.—IDOLATRY ESTABLISHED (vs. 26-33).—What did Jeroboam do first in purchasing his policy? What were these "calves" like? (1 Kings 12: 28-31) Why did Jeroboam imitate the temple symbols? Did he mean to tempt to worship false gods, or the true God in a wrong way? Which commandment did he break? Where did he place these golden calves? Why to these places? How did this act become a sin? Whom did he make priests? Why? What charge did he make in the civily applied test case.

IV. HIS BRIGHT PROSPECTS DESTROYED BY HIS POLICY.—What promise did Jeroboam fulfill by this course? (1 Kings 11: 37, 38) How long did it take the last? (1 Kings 12: 23-31) What had done when the first? (1 Kings 12: 23-31) How long did it take the last? (1 Kings 12: 23-31) What was one effect on his kingdom? (2 Chron. 11: 13-15) Is there any true and lasting success known by obedience to the Lord? (Lev. 26: 1-20) Give examples. What is the promise of God to us? (Matt. 6: 33) How was Jeroboam's failure the result of a want of faith?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

- I. God gives us many precious prospects for this life and the next.
II. They are given on condition that we serve and obey him.
III. All worldly policy is foolish, that breaks the laws of God.

IV. Religion and morality are essential to true prosperity.
V. Want of faith in God leads us to sin for the sake of some advantage.
VI. God has many ways of bringing his promises to pass even when we cannot see how it can be done.
VII. Faith in God and obedience to God are the ways to a happy and successful life.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, June 30, 1885.

The British grain markets are easier and there is less demand. Red winter wheat is quoted at 6s 10d to 7s 2d; Canadian Peas at 5s. 8d.

The local grain market is very quiet. We quote:—Canada Red Winter, 95c to 96c; Canada White, 94c to 95c; Canada Spring, 95c to 96c; Peas, 77c; Oats, 35c; Rye, 72c to 74c; Barley, 50c to 65c; Corn, 60c to 65c.

FLOUR.—The market is very dull, but as usual in a period of dullness the sellers who have before been reticent report an unusually large number of sales. We quote:—Patents, \$4.45 to \$4.90; Superior Extra, \$4.40; Extra Superfine, \$4.15 to \$4.20; Fancy, \$4.05 to \$4.10; Spring Extra, \$4.00 to \$4.05; Superfine, \$3.80 to \$3.85; Strong Bakers' (Canadian), \$4.25 to \$4.40; Strong Bakers' (American), \$4.60 to \$4.85; Fine, \$3.55 to \$3.65; Middlings, \$3.25 to \$3.35; Ontario lags, (bags included) Medium, \$2.10 to \$2.15; do., Superfine, \$1.90 to \$1.95; City Bags, (delivered), \$2.35 to \$2.40.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, \$4.50 to \$4.70 per bl. Cornmeal, nominal.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter is quiet, with some few orders for creamery. We quote:—Creamery, 17c to 18c; Eastern Townships, 15c to 17c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 14c to 15c; Western 12c to 14c; old makes, 6c to 12c, as to quality. Cheese shows no material change, fine to fancy being quoted at 7c to 7 1/2c. The market is fairly steady at these prices. Last week's exports consisted of 1,453 packages of butter, and 47,569 boxes of cheese.

Eggs are in firmer demand at 12c to 12 1/2c per dozen, in cases.

HOG PRODUCE are rather lower this week. We quote:—Western Mess Pork, \$13.75; do., Short Cut, \$14.00; Canada Short Cut, \$14.00; Mess Beef, \$15.50; India Mess Beef, \$25.00; Hams, city cured, 11c to 11 1/2; do., canvassed, 12c to 13c; Lard, in pails, Western, 10c to 10 1/2; do., Canadian, 9 1/2; Bacon, 11 1/2; Shoulders, 9c to 10c; Tallow, common refined, 7c to 7 1/2c.

ASHES.—Pots are still quoted at \$3.65 to \$3.70 per 100 lbs.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The supply of good butchers' cattle has again been unusually small this week, as most of the good large heaves are being bought for shipment to Britain. Prices are firm all round, except for the lean grass-hopper cattle, which are being brought to market in increasing numbers. Shipping cattle sell at from 5 1/2c to 6c per lb.; good butchers' cattle at from 5c to 5 1/2c do.; rough and leanish animals 3 1/2c to 4 1/2c do. and grass-hoppers 3c to 3 1/2c do. The supply of sheep and lambs is rather light for the demand and prices are higher; sheep selling at from \$4 to \$6 each, and lambs at from \$2.50 to \$5.00 each. Hogs are dull of sale at about 5c per lb. Milch cows are very plentiful and lower in price than they have been for a long time past. Good milkers sell at from \$40 to \$50 each; common cows at from \$28 to \$35 each, and small cows at from \$15 to \$25 each. There is a pretty active demand for horses to ship to the United States, but very few are being brought to the city for sale.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The attendance of farmers at the markets of late has been very irregular owing to holidays, hot days and wet days, and prices vary considerably according as the supplies are abundant or scanty. Grain is rather higher in price all round, but roots and green vegetables continue abundant and pretty low priced. There are no changes to note in the prices of butter and eggs. The fruit market is nearly monopolized by strawberries, there having arrived from the west to-day (Tuesday) 878 crates, containing 54 boxes each, of Canadian strawberries. Besides these considerable quantities were brought from Laprairie and other places near to the city; they sold at from 7c to 10c per box by the crate and are being re-

tail at from 8c to 12c per box. The supply of hay on some days is large, but on some occasions it is rather scarce and prices fluctuate a good deal. Oats are 50c to 95c per bushel; peas, 80c to 90c per bushel; beans \$1.25 to \$1.50 do.; potatoes 25c to 45c per bushel; turnips, carrots, and beets, 30c to 50c per bushel; butter, 10c to 30c per lb.; eggs 14c to 20c per dozen; apples \$5.00 to \$7.00 per barrel; dressed hogs 6 1/2c to 6 3/4c per lb.; turkeys \$2.00 to \$2.50 the pair; fowls 65c to 80c do.; ducks 50c to 95c do.; hay \$9.00 to \$12.50 per 100 bundles.

New York, June 29, 1885.

GRAIN.—Wheat, 90c June and bid July; \$1.01; August; \$1.03; Sept.; \$1.05 Oct. Corn, 53 1/2c July; 54c August; 54 1/2c bid Sept.; 54 1/2c October. Oats, 37c June and July; 37 1/2c August; 37c Sept.

FLOUR is rather lower than at our last report. We quote:—Spring Wheat, No. 2, \$2.50 to \$2.70; do., Superfine, \$2.95 to \$3.65; Low Extra, \$3.20 to \$3.75; Clear, \$3.85 to \$4.50; Straight, \$4.40 to \$5.00; Patent, \$4.95 to \$5.75. Winter Wheat—No. 2, \$2.80 to \$3.45; Superfine, \$3.40 to \$3.65; Low Extra, \$3.50 to \$3.75; Clear (R. and A.), \$4.05 to \$4.60; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.35 to \$5.35; Patent, \$4.85 to \$5.65; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.70 to \$5.40; Low Extra (City Mills), \$3.60 to \$3.75; West India, sacks, \$3.80 to \$4.05; Patent, \$5.00 to \$5.75; South America, \$5.00 to \$5.85; Patent \$5.00 to \$5.70; Southern Flour—Extra, \$4.00 to \$5.25; Family, \$4.65 to \$5.60; Patent, \$5.25 to \$5.70; Rye Flour—Fine to Superfine, \$2.90 to \$4.50.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.25 to \$3.40 in brls. FEED.—100 lbs. or sharps, \$19 to \$20; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, \$17 to \$18; 50 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, \$15 to \$16; 60 lbs. or medium feed, \$13.00 to \$14.00; 40 lbs. or No. 2 feed, \$13.00 to \$14.00. Rye feed, \$17.00.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter—Creamery, ordinary to fancy, 14c to 20c; State half irkins, ordinary to fancy, 11c to 17c; Western dairy, ordinary to choice imitation creamery, 8c to 15c; Western factory, ordinary to choice, 6c to 12c. Cheese.—State factory, night skims to fancy, 3 1/2c to 7 1/2c; Ohio Flat, fair to prime, 5c to 6c; Skims; Pennsylvania, 3c to 1c.

Eggs.—State and Pennsylvania, in brls. 13 1/2c to 13 3/4c; Canadian, fine, 13c to 13 1/2c; Western, fair to fancy, 12c to 12 1/2c.

IT IS BELIEVED by the police of Toronto that a woman, named Mrs. Oxley, was murdered at York station, four miles from Toronto, but the affair is at present embroiled in mystery. At midnight a Grand Trunk Railway employee, named Howarth, heard screams for help in a woman's voice near the dumping house, and upon running to the scene found a half-naked woman struggling in the grasp of two men, one of whom held a revolver at her breast. On his approach the men pointed the pistols at his head and threatened to blow his brains out if he did not leave. He left, but afterwards visited the scene and found a dress, petticoat, one shoe, a hat, and a chemise marked "Mrs. Oxley, H.C." which was stained with blood. He reported the case to the city detectives, who are investigating.

A GANG of whiskey peddlers took up quarters at the head of the Canadian Pacific Railway construction, north of Lake Superior. Having been discovered, Mr. Abbott, superintendent of the construction of that part of the road, sent to have them dislodged and their tent and contents destroyed. The men were obstructed in the discharge of their duty by the whiskey peddlers and driven back. Upon the hearing of this Mr. Abbott was so incensed that he called up another body and heading them himself, endeavored to execute his design. This time the whiskey men met them with revolvers, and in the severe fight that ensued Mr. Abbott narrowly escaped being shot, and had finally to order his men to retire.

GENERAL HAZEN, chief signal officer, Washington, has issued an order extending to a day and a half in advance the weather predictions, which now only cover a day. The change will go into effect July 1st.

DURING THE PERFORMANCE of a circus at Lapeer, Michigan, a large elephant became infuriated and turned upon the eight thousand persons assembled under the canvas, tore up the seats, smashed the furniture and made havoc generally; women fainted, children screamed and a general stampede followed. The elephant, after cleaning out the canvas, started for the woods and mired himself in a swamp. With much difficulty he was extricated after five bullets were shot into his hide.

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