

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

SECOND QUARTER: STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.— CONTINUED.

A. D. 40.] LESSON V. PAUL BEGINS HIS FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY. [May 2.]

GOLDEN TEXT. Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16. 15.

AUTHORIZED VERSION.

Acts 13. 1-13. [*Commit to memory verses 2-4.*]

1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Bar-na-bas, and Sim'e-on that was called N'iger, and Lu'ci-us of Cy-re-ne, and Ma-na'en, which had been brought up with Her'od the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Bar-na-bas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Se-leu'ci-a; and from thence they sailed to Cy'prus.

5 And when they were at Sal'a-mis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to minister.

6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Pa'phos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-je'sus:

7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Ser'gi-us Pau'lus, a prudent man; who called for Bar-na-bas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But El'y-mas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9 Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some one to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

13 Now when Paul and his company loosed from Pa'phos, they came to Per'ga in Pam-phy-li-a; and John departing from them returned to Je-ru'sa-lem.

REVISED VERSION.

1 Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers, Bar-na-bas, and Sym'e-on that was called N'iger, and Lu'ci-us of Cy-re-ne, and Ma-na'en the foster-brother of Her'od the tetrarch, and Saul. And as they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Bar-na-bas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, went down to Se-leu'ci-a; and from thence they sailed to Cy'prus. And when they were at Sal'a-mis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John as their attendant. And when they had gone through the whole island unto Pa'phos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-je'sus; which was with the proconsul, Ser'gi-us Pau'lus, a man of understanding. The same called unto them Bar-na-bas and Saul, and sought to hear the word of God. But El'y-mas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn aside the proconsul from the 9 faith. But Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with the Holy Ghost, fastened his eyes on him, 10 and said, O full of all guile and all villany, thou son of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of 11 the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some one to lead him by 12 the hand. Then the proconsul, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

13 Now Paul and his company set sail from Pa'phos, and came to Per'ga in Pam-phy-li-a; and John departed from them and returned to Je-ru'sa-lem.

Time.—A. D. 45 or 46. **Places.**—Antioch; Seleucia, the port of Antioch; Salamis and Paphos on the island of Cyprus; Perga in Pamphylia.

Home Readings.

M. Paul's First Missionary Journey. Acts 13. 1-13.

Tu. Sent of God. Isa. 6. 1-8.
W. The good tidings. Isa. 40. 1-11.
Th. The living breath. Ezek. 37. 1-10.
F. Called. Rom. 1. 1-7.
S. Mission of the twelve. Matt. 10. 5-15.
S. Prospect of harvest. Luke 10. 1-9.