

## Fourth Quarter : Studies in the Lives of Peter and John

LESSON FOREWORD—This week we have the World's Temperance Lesson. Intemperance is being recognized in our land as one of the great enemies of our country's welfare. It is not only bad in itself, but it is a hindrance in the way of every movement towards the betterment of the individual and the nation.

Lesson V.

## TEMPERANCE LESSON—WORLD'S TEMPERANCE SUNDAY November 2, 1919

## THE LESSON PASSAGE—Jeremiah 35 : 1-8, 12-14a, 18, 19.

1 The word which came unto Jeremi'ah from the LORD in the days of Jehoi'akim the son of Josi'ah king of Ju'dah, saying,

2 Go unto the house of the Re'chabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.

3 Then I took Jaazani'ah the son of Jeremi'ah, the son of Habazini'ah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Re'chabites ;

4 And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Ha'nan, the son of Igda-li'ah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maasei'ah the son of Shal'tum, the keeper of the door :

5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Re'chabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.

6 But they said, We will drink no wine : for Jon'adab the son of Re'chab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever :

7 Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any : but all your days ye

**GOLDEN TEXT**—Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.—1 Cor. 10 : 31.

SENIOR AND HOME DEPARTMENT TOPIC—Our Personal Responsibility for Temperance Reform.

## THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. THE RECHABITES' TEST.—1-8. *Jeremiah* ; prophet and patriot, who tried to save his country from the coming doom of captivity by turning it to God. *House of the Rechabites*. The Rechabites were a wandering people, the descendants of Midian, the son of Abraham and his wife Keturah, and so related to the Jews. Rechab was one of their remote ancestors, but Jonadab was their great historic figure. He, during the evil days of Anab and Jezebel, led his people to enter into covenant against the luxury and sin of the day. They opposed idolatry. They were total abstainers from wine or strong drink. They lived in tents, having no fixed property like houses, land, vineyards. *Bring them into the house of the Lord*. How did they happen to be in the city of Jerusalem ? Because Nebuchadnezzar, the great king of Babylon, was advancing against Jerusalem, and the outside

shall dwell in tents ; that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers.

8 Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jon'adab the son of Re'chab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters ;

12 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremi'ah, saying,

13 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'rael : Go and tell the men of Ju'dah and the inhabitants of Jeru'salem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words ? saith the LORD.

14 The words of Jon'adab the son of Re'chab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed ; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment :

18 And Jeremi'ah said unto the house of the Re'chabites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'rael ; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jon'adab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you :

19 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'rael ; Jon'adab the son of Re'chab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

population, including some of the Rechabites, had fled to Jerusalem. *Jaazaniah* ; one of the



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Rechabite leaders. *Hanan . . . Shal'tum* ; Levites who had duties connected with the temple. *Set*