

Lesson I.

DAVID BRINGS THE ARK TO JERUSALEM October 4, 1908

2 Samuel 6 : 1-12. *Commit to memory v. 12. Study 2 Samuel ch. 6. Read 1 Chronicles chs. 13, 15, 16.

GOLDEN TEXT—Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.—Psalm 100 : 4.

1 Again, Da'vid gathered together all the chosen men of Is'rael, thirty thousand.

2 And Da'vid arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Ba'ale² of Ju'dah, to bring up from thence the ark of Go¹, whose name is called by the name of the Lord of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims.

3 And they set up the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abin'adab that was in Gib'eah : and Uz'zah and Ahi'o, the sons of Abin'adab, drove the new cart.

4 And they brought it out of the house of Abin'adab which was at Gib'eah, accompanying the ark of God : and Ahi'o went before the ark.

5 And Da'vid and all the house of Is'rael played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

6 And when they came to Na'chon's threshing-floor, Uz'zah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it ; for the oxen shook it.

Revised Version—1 And David again ; 2 Omit of ; 3 which is ; 4 Name, even the name ; 5 sitteth upon the cherubim ; 6 the hill ; and ; 7 in the hill, with the ark ; 8 with ; 9 and with harps ; 10 with castanets ; 11 the threshing-floor of Nacon ; 12 stumbled. And ; 13 broken forth upon ; 14 that place Perez-uzzah, unto ; 15 he ; 16 unto ; 17 remained ; 18 house ; 19 And David ; 20 joy.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Ark Sought, 1-5.
- II. The Ark Profaned, 6-10.
- III. The Ark Brought Up, 11, 12.

DAILY READINGS

(By courtesy I.B.R. Association)

M.—David brings the ark to Jerusalem, 2 Sam. 6 : 1-11. T.—David brings the ark to Jerusalem, 2 Sam. 6 : 12-23. W.—The ark described, Ex. 25 : 10-22. Th.—The ark taken, 1 Sam. 4 : 1-11. F.—The ark sent back, 1 Sam. 6 : 1-15. S.—Levites, the ark bearers, 1 Chron. 15 : 1-3, 11-15. S.—David's thanksgiving, 1 Chron. 16 : 7-36.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 101. What do we pray for in the first petition ? A. In the first petition (which is, *Hallowed be Thy name*) we pray, That God

7 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uz'zah ; and God smote him there for his error ; and there he died by the ark of God.

8 And Da'vid was displeased, because the Lord had made a breach upon Uz'zah ; and he called the name of the place Pe'rez-uz'zah to this day.

9 And Da'vid was afraid of the Lord that day, and said, How shall the ark of the Lord come to me ?

10 So Da'vid would not remove the ark of the Lord unto him into the city of Da'vid ; but Da'vid carried it aside into the house of O'bed-e'dom the Giti'te.

11 And the ark of the Lord continued in the house of O'bed-e'dom the Giti'te three months ; and the Lord blessed O'bed-e'dom, and all his household.

12 And it was told king Da'vid, saying, The Lord hath blessed the house of O'bed-e'dom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So Da'vid went and brought up the ark of God from the house of O'bed-e'dom into the city of Da'vid with gladness.

would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known ; and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.

The Question on Missions—(Fourth Quarter, A NATIVE WORKER IN THE NEW HEBRIDES).—1. Describe the life of a New Hebrides child. The New Hebrides child lives largely in the open air, free from restraint, and helps to gather and cook his own food, which consists chiefly of yams, taro, bananas, nuts and fish. He has few games, and little amusement.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 320 (Supplemental Lesson); 360 : 17 ; 119 (Ps. Sel.) ; Ps. Sel. 57 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 389.

Special Scripture Reading—Psalm 24. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.) It is expected that each scholar will have his or her Bible, and so be prepared to take part in this reading, which may form part of the opening exercises of the School.

EXPOSITION

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Time and Place—About B.C. 990 (according to Ussher's chronology given in the Margin of the English Bible, B.C. 1043); Kirjath-jearim.

Connecting Links—David's establishing himself in his new capital at Jerusalem (see ch. 5 : 6-9) was followed immediately by a Philistine invasion of central and southern Israel. But step by step the invaders were driven completely out of the land, and their power so thoroughly checked, that they were never again formidable assailants of Israel's security (ch. 5 : 17-25).

I. The Ark Sought, 1-5.

Vs. 1, 2. Again, David gathered, "Again" may refer either to the assembly at David's coronation (ch. 5 : 1), or to the muster for the

Philistine war, ch. 5 : 17-25. Chosen men... thirty thousand ; representing all Israel. 1 Chron. 13 : 5 says that they came as far as from Shihor, fifty miles south of the Philistine city of Gaza, and from Hemath, two hundred and fifty miles north of Jerusalem. From Baale of Judah. This place is identified in 1 Chron. 13 : 6 and Josh. 15 : 9 with Kirjath-jearim, the "Forest City" or "Town of the Woods". To bring up... the ark of God. The ark had rested at Kirjath-jearim since the Philistines, who had captured it seventy years earlier, on the fateful day of Aphek (1 Sam., ch. 4), sent it back (the story is told in 1 Sam., chs. 5, 6) to its own land. It was kept there in the house of Abinadab. The ark was the most ancient and most sacred of

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