

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

SECOND QUARTER: STUDIES CONCERNING THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

B. C. 726.] LESSON X. HEZEKIAH THE GOOD KING.

[June 7.]

GOLDEN TEXT. Them that honor me I will honor. 1 Sam. 2, 30.

Authorized Version.

2 Chron. 29. 1-11. [Commit to memory verses 10, 11.]

1 Hez'e-ki'ah began to reign *when he was five and twenty years old*, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Je-ru'-sa-lem. And his mother's name *was* A-bi'-jah, the daughter of Zech'a-ri'ah.

2 And he did *that which was right* in the sight of the Lord, according to all that Da'vid his father had done.

3 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the Lord, and repaired them.

4 And he brought in the priests and the Le'-vites, and gathered them together into the east street,

5 And said unto them, Hear me, ye Le'-vites; sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.

6 For our fathers have transgressed, and done *that which was evil* in the eyes of the Lord our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord, and turned their backs.

7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt-offerings in the holy place unto the God of Is'-ra-el.

8 Wherefore the wrath of the Lord was upon Ju'dah and Je-ru'-sa-lem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes.

9 For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.

10 Now *it is* in mine heart to make a covenant with the Lord God of Is'-ra-el, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

11 My sons, be not now negligent: for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense.

Revised Version.

- 1 Hez'e-ki'ah began to reign when he was five and twenty years old; and he reigned nine and twenty years in Je-ru'-sa-lem; and his mother's name was A-bi'-jah the daughter of Zech'a-ri'ah.
- 2 And he did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that Da'vid his father had done. He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the Lord, and repaired them. And he brought in the priests and the Le'-vites, and gathered them together into the broad place on the east,
- 3 and said unto them, Hear me, ye Le'-vites; now sanctify yourselves, and sanctify the house of the Lord, the God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place. For our fathers have transgressed, and done that which was evil in the sight of the Lord our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord, and
- 4 turned their backs. Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt-offerings in the holy place unto the God of Is'-ra-el. Wherefore the wrath of the Lord was upon Ju'dah and Je-ru'-sa-lem, and he hath delivered them to be tossed to and fro, to be an astonishment, and an hissing, as ye see with your eyes. For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the Lord, the God of Is'-ra-el, that his fierce anger may
- 5 turn away from us. My sons, be not now negligent: for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to minister unto him, and that ye should be his ministers, and burn incense.

TIME.—B. C. 726. **PLACE.**—Jerusalem.

RULER.—Hezekiah, King of Judah. **DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The covenant of God.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Hezekiah the good king. 2 Chron. 29. 1-11.
 Tu. The temple cleansed. 2 Chron. 29. 17-24.
 W. Joyful worship. 2 Chron. 29. 27-32.
 Th. Invitation to service. 2 Chron. 30. 1-9.
 F. Hezekiah's prosperity. 2 Kings 18. 1-8.
 S. Hezekiah's prayer. Isa. 38. 1-8.
 S. Hezekiah's thanksgiving. 1-a. 38. 9-22.

LESSON HYMNS.

- No. 60, New Canadian Hymnal.
 And can it be that I should gain.
 No. 54, New Canadian Hymnal.
 Come, every soul by sin oppressed.
 No. 55, New Canadian Hymnal.
 All my doubts I give to Jesus.

DOMINION HYMNAL.

Hymns, Nos. 255, 58, 73.