

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

SECOND QUARTER: STUDIES CONCERNING THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL.

About B. C. 787.] LESSON V. ISRAEL OFTEN REPROVED.

[May 3.]

GOLDEN TEXT. He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. Prov. 29. 1.

Authorized Version.

Amos 4. 4-13. [*Commit to memory verses 6-8.*]

4 Come to Beth-el, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years:

5 And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings: for this liketh you, O ye children of Is'ra-el, saith the Lord God.

6 And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

7 And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.

8 So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig-trees and your olive-trees increased, the palmer-worm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

11 I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a fire-brand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Is'ra-el: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Is'ra-el.

13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The Lord, The God of hosts, is his name.

Revised Version.

- 4 Come to Beth-el, and transgress; to Gilgal, and multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes every three days; and offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened, and proclaim free-will offerings and publish them: for this liketh you, O ye children of Is'ra-el, saith the Lord God.
- And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. And I also have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city to drink water, and were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: the multitude of your gardens and your vineyards and your fig-trees and your olive-trees both the palmer-worm devoured: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have carried away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camp to come up even into your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. I have overthrown some among you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a brand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Is'ra-el: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Is'ra-el. For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth; the Lord, the God of hosts, is his name.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Israel often reproved. Amos 4. 4-13.
 Tu. Refusing to return. Jer. 5. 1-6.
 W. An evil heart. Jer. 7. 21-28.
 Th. Folly of disobedience. Prov. 14. 1-12.
 F. Consequence of rejection. Prov. 1. 24-33.

TIME.—About B. C. 787. **PLACE.**—In the kingdom of Israel; but the prophet was a native of Judah. **RULERS.**—Probably Jeroboam II., of Israel; Uzziah, of Judah. **DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The discipline of trouble.