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INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FOURTH QUARTER: STUDIES IN EARLY CHURCH HISTORY. A. D. 62-65. LESSON XI. PAUL AT ROME: or, Preaching Jesus Christ. Acts 23, 16-31. Commit to memory verses 28-31. December 16.

EXPLANATORY. WE. That Luke and Timothy were of the number is certain from Col. 1, 1; 4, 14; Phil. 1, 1; Philemon 1, 24. This probably includes also the brethren who came to meet Paul. Rome. Imperial Rome, at this time under Nero, held two million inhabitants, one half of whom were slaves. Captain of the guard. There were two of these captains, except when, for a short time, one Burrus held it alone, but the singular here does not necessarily fix the date at that time, because it may as well mean one of the captains, or the one on duty. A soldier that kept him Roman prisoners were chained by the wrist to their keepers. Ver. 20.

After three days. No long rest after such a journey. Chief of the Jews. As always, Paul seeks first to interest the Jews. Here he must place himself in a correct light before them first, and so he gives a brief statement of why he is there a prisoner, and asserts his innocence. Aught to accuse my nation of. See the forgiving spirit of Christ ruling within him. Notwithstanding all their hatred and cruel treatment, they were still dear to him, and he had no charge to bring against them. He had that charity which "suffereth long and is kind... beareth all things... hopeth all things." 1 Cor. 13. For the hope of Israel. The Messiah. He gloried in suffering for Christ's sake. This chain. Galling to his nature, a badge of dishonor, he wears it with patience because it is for Christ. Phil. 1, 13. Margin.

NEITHER... LETTERS... NEITHER ANY... SPAKE... HARM OF THEE. They doubtless spoke truly. Accusers would not have preceded Paul, as his appeal was unexpected, and if they followed they would not yet have arrived. They had doubtless heard of Paul as a Christian, but though they were everywhere spoken against, that was not a legal indictment. They would hear him about this sect. Over sixty years before, old Simeon had prophesied that Christ was to be "a sign which shall be spoken against." Luke 2, 34. But we see now how the doctrine of this despised "sect" has become the religion of the world, notwithstanding the enmity of the Jews and of Rome.

HIS LODGING. Not his own hired house, as in verse 30, but where he was stopping as a guest. Some have thought that Aquila and Priscilla were his hosts, as they were in Rome not long before. Rom. 16, 3. Expounded and testified. "Set forth, bearing witness." He set forth the true nature of the kingdom of God, and bore witness to his personal knowledge of it. A good plan for teachers. Persuading them concerning Jesus, that is, that Jesus was the very Messiah promised in the Scriptures. Morning till evening. It was doubtless a conversation, questions and answers. Where both teacher and pupils are interested a long session will not weary. Some believed... some... not. The same result which had followed all the preaching of the Gospel. The seed falls upon good ground and upon rocky soil.

AGREED NOT. It was probably some scoffing remark of the unbelievers which called out the closing one word which Paul solemnly and sorrowfully gave as his parting testimony. Spake the Holy Ghost. Evidence of the divine inspiration of the Scriptures. See 2 Pet. 1, 21. Esauas. The Greek form of Isaiah. The quotation is exact from the Septuagint of Isaiah 6, 9, 10. Christ declared this prophecy was fulfilled in the Jews of his day. Matt 13, 14, 15. Mark, it is their own act. Their eyes have they closed. So, now, men stop their ears and close their eyes lest they be convinced of something they do not want to believe, even though it may be necessary for their salvation. Be converted. Or, turn themselves.

BE IT KNOWN. This is a prophetic addition of Paul, which has been abundantly fulfilled. The salvation, or better, this salvation—this Gospel of the kingdom of God. Unto the Gentiles. This final declaration of this truth is the last recorded word to the Jews. They have rejected the Messiah, and henceforward there is to be no more Jew and Gentile, but all are to be equal and one in Christ. They will hear. Not all, but they will not as a class, reject it as do the Jews. Great reasoning. So an earnest word of reproval will sometimes awaken interest in the enemy's camp. It is not improbable that some of them came afterward to believe; but whether they did or not, Paul could say, "I am pure from the blood of all men." Acts 20, 26. Reader, can you?

TWO WHOLE YEAR. It is probable that at the end of this time he was released. During it he is believed to have written the epistles to the Philippians, to the Colossians, and to Philemon. Hired house. As he could not work at his trade the rent of his house and his support was doubtless paid for by the churches. We know that the Philippians contributed. Phil. 4, 10, 18. That he was a prisoner is shown by Eph. 6, 20; Col. 4, 3; Philemon 9, 10. Receiving all that came. It is said of some ministers, that they are hard to approach; and many teachers never receive their scholars at their houses. Paul did not so. He could not go to the church or synagogue, but to all that came in to him he preached the Gospel. Notice what was his constant teaching. Only those things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. With all confidence. Whence came this confidence? He tells us in Phil. 4, 13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." So the last record of the "Acts of the Apostles" fittingly closes with the evidence of the fulfillment of Christ's last promise to the apostles, "Lo, I am with you always."

GOLDEN TEXT: I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are in Rome also; for I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. Rom. 1, 15, 16. DOCTRINE: Ministry of the word. 2 Cor. 4, 1, 2; Rom. 12, 7. The next lesson is 2 Tim. 4, 1-8.

The Rev. Mr. Lathern's lecture on "Cromwell and his Ironsides" was a rare intellectual treat. It was listened to with profound attention by a large and, to all appearance, an appreciative audience. Henry Beer, Esq., Speaker of the House of Assembly, presided. We will not attempt to give the reader an outline report of this excellent and most instructive lecture. Some reports generally bear the same relation to the warm utterances of the living orator that a rough caricature does to a finished portrait by a gifted artist. It could easily be seen that the Rev. lecturer had carefully and intelligently studied the history of that most important period that immediately preceded the establishment of the Commonwealth in England, and that he had formed a just estimate of the characters of the leading men who then moulded the destinies of the British Empire. The intelligent hearer soon perceived that the lecturer's sympathies were with those stern patriots whose ruling motive was religion, whose ardent love of liberty led them cheerfully to risk everything for freedom. Though not a hero worshipper Mr. Lathern is a warm admirer of Oliver Cromwell. Without being blind to that truly great man's faults, he appreciated in him what was great and noble.—Charlotte-town Patriot.

I understand that the Rev. William Arthur left London on Monday for Italy as a guest of a deputation from the Evangelical Alliance. I see, too, that his two volumes on "The Pope, the Kings, and the people" have just been published by Messrs. Mullin.

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