

CLOSE OF PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

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Acts 18: 1-11. *Commit to memory vs. 9, 10. Study Acts 18: 1-22.

GOLDEN TEXT—In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.—John 16: 33.

1 After these things ¹ Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;2 And ¹ found a certain Jew named Aquila, ² born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; ³ (because that Claudius had commanded all ⁴ Jews to depart from Rome:) and ¹ came unto them.3 And because he was of the same ⁵ craft, he abode with them, and ⁶ wrought: for by their ⁵ occupation they were tentmakers.4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded ⁷ the Jews and ⁷ the Greeks.5 ⁸ And when Silas and ⁹ Timothy⁹ came from Macedonia, Paul was ¹⁰ pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was ⁴ Christ.6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook ¹¹ his raiment, and said unto them.

Revised Version—³ he; ² a man of Pontus by race; ³ because Claudius (*Omit brackets*); ⁴ the; ⁵ trade; ⁶ they; ⁷ Omit the; ⁸ But; ⁹ Timothy came down; ¹⁰ constrained by the word, testifying; ¹¹ out; ¹² went into the house of a certain man; ¹³ Titus Justus; ¹⁴ Omit chief; ¹⁵ in; ¹⁶ And the Lord said unto; ¹⁷ harm; ¹⁸ dwelt.

LESSON PLAN

I. Work Commenced, 1-4.

II. Work Opposed, 5-8.

III. Work Established, 9-11.

DAILY READINGS

(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association)

M.—Close of Second Missionary Journey, Acts 18: 1-11. T.—Close of Second Missionary Journey, Acts 18: 12-22. W.—“Without charge”, 1 Cor. 9: 13-23. Th.—Paul's affection, 2 Cor. 12: 10-19. F.—Paul's entreaty, 1 Cor. 4: 1-16. S.—“Be not afraid”, Jer. 1: 7-19. S.—Tribulation and peace, John 16: 25-33.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 24. *How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?* A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word

Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

7 And he departed thence, and ¹² entered into a certain man's house, named ¹³ Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.8 And Crispus, the ¹⁴ chief ruler of the synagogue, believed ¹⁵ on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.9 ¹⁶ Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to ¹⁷ hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.11 And he ¹⁸ continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

The Question on Missions—5. Are there many Schools in the Mission? There are about sixty Schools in the Mission. Teachers' houses, School buildings and apparatus are paid for by the Mission. The Government pays the teachers' salaries, and gives rent for some of the houses.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 240 (Supplemental Lesson); 263; 278; 65 (Ps. Sel.); 588 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 293.

Special Scripture Reading—Isa. 12: 2-6. (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.

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 151, An Eastern Tent. For Question on Missions, Tr. 5, A School Group in Princetown District.

EXPOSITION

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Time and Place—A.D. 50-51; at Corinth.

Connecting Links—Lesson V. follows immediately on Lesson IV.

I. Work Commenced, 1-4.

Vs. 1, 2. *Departed from Athens*; unwilling, as it would seem, to remain in a city where he was accomplishing so comparatively little. *Corinth*. See Geography Lesson. The journey from Athens could be made either by land or sea. Corinth was the leading commercial city of Greece, as Athens was the centre of learning and culture. It was a gathering place for sailors, and developed the evils that flourish about seaports. *Found a certain Jew, Aquila*. Such a commercial city as Corinth would attract a money-making people like the Jews. *Born in Pontus*; a Roman province in Asia Minor, on the south-

ern shores of the Black Sea. *Lately come from Italy*. He and his wife Priscilla seem afterwards to have returned to Rome. Paul usually mentions Priscilla first, Rom. 16: 3; 1 Cor. 16: 19; 2 Tim. 4: 19. *Because Claudius* (Roman Emperor, A.D. 41-54) *had commanded*, etc. The expulsion of the Jews from Rome may have been due to some disturbance in the Jewish quarter because of the preaching of Jesus as Messiah.

Vs. 3, 4. *Of the same trade* (Rev. Ver.). Paul would easily find his fellow tradesmen, since it was the custom for those of the same trade to sit together at the synagogue services. *Tentmakers*. See Light from the East. *Reasoned in the synagogue*; “used to discourse”, keeping at it week after week, holding up “Jesus Christ and Him crucified”.

*The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Leaflets are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. Their recitation leads to the obtaining of a beautiful Certificate or Diploma.