

LESSON NOTES.
FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.
B.C. 1129] LESSON XI. [Dec. 16

DEATH OF SAMSON.
Judg. 16. 21-31. Memory verses, 29, 30
GOLDEN TEXT.
Great men are not always wise. Job 32. 9.

OUTLINE.
1. Blind, 2. Mocked, 3. Avenged.
TIME. 1120 B.C.
PLACE. — Gaza, in south-western Palestine
EXPLANATIONS. — Put out his eyes—A common Oriental way of effectually destroying the power of an enemy. Fetters of brass—Double fetters of some composite metal; double, as they were perhaps on both his hands and feet. He did quail That is, he was reduced to the condition of a common slave. Hair began to grow—His strength was not in his hair, but in his consecration to Jehovah, of which the Nazarite hair was a sign. When he came into right relation to God, once more God blessed him with strength. He became merry. Fluted with wine. Made sport. Entertained them by feats of strength; or perhaps he danced and sang, as the word may mean, or by his awkwardness in his blindness aroused their mirth. Felt the pillars. He feigned weariness, and asked to be allowed to rest upon or against the pillars which supported the house.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.
Where, in this lesson, are we taught—
1. That sin binds its victims with fetters?
2. That sin binds its victims to danger?
3. That sin ruins its victims at last?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.
1. When the Philistines had overpowered Samson what did they do to him? Put out his eyes. 2. What did they then compel him to do? To grind in the prison-house. 3. To whom did the Philistines ascribe their victory over Samson? To their god Dagon. 4. What do we know was the cause of his misery and death? His wicked forgetfulness of God. 5. What serious warning from this great man's life comes to us all? "Great men are not always wise."

CATECHISM QUESTION.
13. Who is the devil or Satan?
The chief of the fallen angels who, before man's fall, sinned against God, and was cast out of heaven.
1 Peter v. 5; Jude 6.

B.C. 1312.] LESSON XII. [Dec. 23

RUTH'S CHOICE.
Ruth 1. 16-22. Memory verses, 16-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.
Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Ruth 1. 16.

OUTLINE.
1. The Voice of Love.
2. The Voice of Woe.
TIME.—1312 B.C.
PLACES.—The land of Moab. Bethlehem.
EXPLANATIONS.—The Lord do so to me—That is, if I leave you, may God do so to me. Steadfastly minded—Firmly resolved to go. All the city was moved—Filled with emotion, with grief, compassion, and sympathy. Went out full—That is, with husband and two sons. Home again empty—All her family had died in the foreign land. Beginning of barley harvest—In the month of April.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.
Where, in this lesson, are we taught—
1. A lesson of domestic love?
2. A lesson of religious devotion?
3. A lesson of confidence in God?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.
1. Whose story is told by the book of Ruth? Of Ruth, of Naomi, and of Boaz. 2. Who was Ruth? A heathen girl of Moab. 3. What was her destiny in Jewish history? To be an ancestor of Christ. 4. What was the moving principle of her life? Fidelity to her loved ones. 5. In what words did she express her loving purpose? "Thy people shall be my," etc.

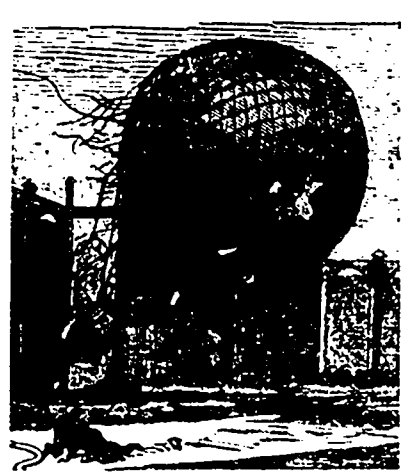
CATECHISM QUESTIONS.
14. What is the employment of the fallen angels?
They tempt men to sin, and thus seek to bring them to their own place of misery. Matthew xxv. 41; Ephesians vi. 12.
15. Can they do what they please?
No; God controls their power, and will save from their malice and subtlety all who put their trust in him.

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