

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BANNER.

LESSON VII.

Supt. What is the new covenant?

School. The Lord says: "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother: . . . for they shall know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Supt. What had God done for the house of Israel in the past?

School. He had watched over them "to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict."

Supt. What will he do under the new covenant?

School. "I will watch over them to build and to plant, saith the Lord."

Supt. How long shall the Jews continue a distinct nation, according to this prophecy?

School. As long as the sun and moon and stars endure.

LESSON VIII.

Supt. Name the three principal persons in this lesson.

School. Jeremiah the prophet, Baruch his scribe, and Jehoiakim, King of Judah.

Supt. Why were Jeremiah and his scribe told to hide themselves?

School. Jeremiah's prophecy against Judah was about to be read to the king, and he would seek to kill them.

Supt. What did the king do when the prophecy was read to him?

School. He cut the roll with his penknife and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until it was consumed.

Supt. Did the king find the prophet and scribe?

School. "The Lord hid them."

Supt. What did the Lord say to Jeremiah?

School. "Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll."

Supt. How was Jehoiakim punished?

School. "Thus saith the Lord, He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. I will punish him and his seed . . . and bring upon them . . . the evil that I have pronounced."

LESSON IX.

Supt. Who was now King of Judah?

School. Zedekiah.

Supt. What danger threatened Jerusalem?

School. The Chaldeans were about to take it.

Supt. Who sought to leave the city?

School. Jeremiah.

Supt. What befell him?

School. He was taken prisoner and cast into a dungeon.

Supt. Who came to him and asked if there was a message from the Lord?

School. King Zedekiah.

Supt. What was the word?

School. That Zedekiah should be delivered into the hand of the King of Babylon.

Supt. When Jeremiah had shown Zedekiah that his

own prophets were false and he alone prophesied truly, what did he do?

School. He committed Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and gave him daily a piece of bread out of the baker's street.

Supt. What is God's promise to his people in trouble?

School. "I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee." (GOLDEN TEXT.)

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LESSON X.

Supt. Who besieged Jerusalem and took the city?

School. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon.

Supt. When Zedekiah and his men of war fled, what happened them?

School. The Chaldean army pursued after them and overtook Zedekiah and brought him to Nebuchadnezzar.

Supt. How was Zedekiah treated?

School. The King of Babylon slew his sons before his eyes, put out his eyes, and bound him with chains to carry him to Babylon.

Supt. What was done to the city of Jerusalem?

School. The walls were broken down and the houses burned.

Supt. What was done to the people in the city?

School. They were carried away captive into Babylon.

Supt. What was done to the poor of the land?

School. They were left to care for the vineyards and fields.

LESSON XI.

Supt. To what is the Holy Spirit compared?

School. Clean water.

Supt. What will God give us?

School. A new heart and a new spirit.

Supt. What will his Spirit within us cause us to do?

School. Walk in his statutes and keep his judgments.

Supt. What is promised concerning the prosperity of God's people?

School. "Ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers." "And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field."

Supt. What would be said of the land that was desolate?

School. It "is become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced and are inhabited."

Supt. What effect would this have on the surrounding heathen?

School. They would know that the God of Israel had done it.

LESSON XIII.

Supt. What does God do to his people?

School. Comforts them.

Supt. Who is meant by "the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness?"

School. John the Baptist?

Supt. Who shall see the glory of the Lord?

School. All flesh.

Supt. How long shall the word of the Lord stand?

School. Forever.

Supt. What is the message of good tidings?

School. "Behold your God!"

HYMN.