

No. 76, New Canadian Hymnal.

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling.
 Calling for you and for me;
 See, on the portals he's waiting and watching;
 Watching for you and for me.

No. 75, New Canadian Hymnal.

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast,
 Let every soul be Jesus' guest;
 We need not one be left behind,
 For God hath hidden all mankind.

DOMINION HYMNAL.

Hymns, Nos. 136, 133, 138.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.**1. The Captured City, v. 1-3.**

Why did Nebuchadnezzar (or Nebuchadnezzar) attack Jerusalem?

Give any facts known to you concerning Nebuchadnezzar's life.

What was the character of King Zedekiah?

How long did the siege of Jerusalem last?

What was the condition of life within its walls during the siege?

What book of the Bible describes this agony?

Give the names of the three princes mentioned in the third verse.

Explain the meaning of the three titles which are erroneously printed as names.

What is meant by "sitting in the gate?"

What was the human cause of the city's overthrow?

2. The Captured King, v. 4-7.

How did the king escape when his enemies entered the city?

Where was he overtaken?

To what place was he taken for judgment?

For what crime was he tried?

What frightful punishment did he receive?

What political purpose underlay both items of this awful punishment?

How long was Zedekiah kept a prisoner? (See Jer. 52, 11.)

Who had foretold this disaster?

3. The Captured People, v. 8-10.

Name the officer into whose hands Nebuchadnezzar intrusted the doomed city.

What buildings were destroyed by him and his soldiers?

Why was Jerusalem thus ruined?

What is meant by the "remnant of the people?"

What is meant by "those who fell away?"

Why were the poor left in the land to be vine-dressers and husbandmen?

Practical Teachings.

Where does this lesson teach—

1. That when God means to open a gate no fortress can avail to bar it?

2. That sin makes cowards of all men?
3. That it is not safe to break one of God's laws and then run away?
4. That one man's sin is pretty sure to involve others in it?
5. That even in the midst of punishment God's mercy is shown?

Hints for Home Study.

Ascertain and write down—

1. The crime for which Zedekiah was tried by Nebuchadnezzar.
2. Special reasons why Nebuchadnezzar blinded Zedekiah.
3. Special reasons why Nebuchadnezzar killed Zedekiah's sons.
4. Special reasons why Nebuchadnezzar tore down and burned Jerusalem.
5. Special reasons why to the poor of the people vineyards and fields were given.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.**1. The Captured City, v. 1-3.**

What city is here meant?

Who laid siege to Jerusalem?

At what date did this occur?

When was the city captured?

What captors took possession of the city?

2. The Captured King, v. 4-7.

What did the King of Judah do?

When, and by what way of escape?

Who followed in pursuit?

Where was the king captured?

Where was he taken for judgment?

What sad sight did the king there see?

What was done to the king himself?

How long was he kept a prisoner? (See Jer. 52, 11.)

3. The Captured People, v. 8-10.

How did the captors treat the city?

What was done with the people?

Who alone were left in the land?

What kindness was shown to these people?

What is the lament of the GOLDEN TEXT?

Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That God's word is sure of fulfillment?
2. That God's judgments are sure to overtake evil-doers?
3. That God's mercy is sure to such as fear him?

Home Work for Young Bereans.

Find out in what way Zedekiah had acted like a traitor to Nebuchadnezzar.

Find out in what king he had trusted to defend him against Nebuchadnezzar.