

SCHOLARS' NOTES

(From Westminster Question Book.)

LESSON 11. July 13, 1884. [2 Sam. 6:1-12]

THE ARK IN THE HOUSE. COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 11-12.

- 1. Again David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2. And David arose and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the Lord of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims. 3. And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeon; and Uzzah and Ahio the sons of Abinadab drove the new cart. 4. And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was in Gibeon, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark. 5. And David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments, made of fir wood, even of harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and of cymbals. 6. And when they came to Nachon's threshing-floor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. 7. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God. 8. And David was displeased, because the Lord had made a breach upon Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perezzezaun to this day. 9. And David was afraid of the Lord that day and said, How shall the ark of the Lord come to me? 10. So David would not remove the ark of the Lord unto him into the city of David; but David carried it aside into the house of Obededom the Gittite. 11. And the ark of the Lord continued in the house of Obededom the Gittite three months and the Lord blessed Obededom, and all his household. 12. And it was told King David, sayi g, th Lord hath blessed the house of Obededom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom into the city of David with his business.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"He bleaseth the habitation of the just." Prov. 8:33.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Ex. 40:17-38. The Ark in the Tabernacle. T. Josh. 6:8-20. The Ark at Jericho W. 1 Sam. 4:1-11. The Ark Taken by the Philistines. Th. 1 Sam. 6:1-12. The Ark Sent Back to Israel. F. 2 Sam. 6:1-12. The Ark in the House Sa. 1 Chron. 15:1-28. The Ark Brought to Jerusalem. S. Ps. 132:1-18. David's Prayer at its Removal.

LESSON PLAN.

1. Rejoicing around the Ark. 2. Death befall the Ark. 3. A Home Blessed by the Ark. Time—n.c. 1945. Places—Babel and the way to Jerusalem.

LESSON NOTES.

1. V. 1. CHOSEN MEN—the best of the nation Religious work requires the best men. V. 1. FROM BAAL—rather "to Baal"; another name for Kirjath-jearim, a hill-town a few miles north of Jerusalem. 1 Sam. 6:20, 21; 7:1, 2. V. 3. UPON A NEW CART—for the heathen in which they ought to have carried it, so Chm. 4:14; 7:9; 18:3. HOUSE OF ABINADAB—where it had been for seventy years. GIBEON—Gibeon means hill. Here and in v. 4 it should be translated "on the hill." 11-V. 6. THRESHING-FLOOR—a level place of harden earth, fifty feet or more in diameter. To x HOLY—see Num. 18. He brought it was in danger of being upset. He might have known that God could take care of his own ark. V. 8. DISPLEASD—approved and vexed that his plans were thwarted. 1 Sam. 15:11; Job. 4:9. HAD MADE A BREACH—had come with sudden vengeance. PEREZZEAUN—Hebrew, "breach of Uzzah," v. 9. AFRAD—of fearful judgment. Judg 13:22.

11-V. 10. WOULD NOT REMOVE THE ARK—was afraid to do so after his sudden check OBEDEDOM—a Levite of the city of Gath-Rimmon in Judah. THE LORD BLESSED OBEDEDOM—"God always pays liberally for his belongings." (See Rev. 3:20). V. 12. SO DAVID WENT—he gains courage when he finds that the ark had brought blessing to those that cared for it. BROUGHT UP THE ARK—now the law was strictly observed. 1 Chron. 15. We should do everything just as God requires.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

- 1. That we should do exactly as God tells us to do, especially in religious matters. 2. That we should worship the Lord with joy and gladness. 3. That we should treat sacred things with reverence. 4. That the Lord always blesses those who have him in their hearts and lives. 5. That parents and children should worship God together in the family.

DECREASE OF BLINDNESS.—Blindness is steadily decreasing in England, owing, it is considered, to the advance in surgical treatment of the eyes, and to the decline of such diseases as small-pox, etc., among children. For thirty years this affliction has gradually lessened, but within the last decade the improvement is especially noticeable, and the last returns reckon some 22,832 blind persons—about one in every 1,138.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, July 2, 1884.

Chicago is still dull, and prices for present delivery are about two cents lower than last week, though the market has recovered slightly to-day. We quote as follows:—83½ July; 85½ August; 86½ Sept. Corn is weaker; 52½ August and 53 September 51½ October. Liverpool is sullen and lower, Spring wheat being quoted at 7s 3d to 7s 4d and Red Winter 7s 5d to 7s 10d. The local market is still as dull as can be; no sales on this market, and no export trade. The nominal quotations are:—Canada Red Winter, \$1.14 to \$1.17; Canada White, \$1.08 to \$1.15; Canada Spring, \$1.14 to \$1.17; Corn, 70c to 72c; Peas, 91c; Barley, and Rye nominal.

FLOUR.—The quietness continues; demand has fallen off, and for two days this week the Corn Exchange stood adjourned. The quotations are as follows:—Superior Extra, \$5.40; Extra Superfine, \$4.95; to \$5.00; Fancy, \$4.40; Spring Extra \$4.25 to \$4.35; Superfine, \$3.40 to \$3.60; Strong Bakers', Can., \$5.00 to \$5.25; do., American, \$5.25 to \$5.60; Fine, \$3.10 to \$3.25; Middlings, \$2.95 to \$3.00; Pollards, \$2.80 to \$3.00; Ontario bags (medium), bags included, \$2.20 to \$2.25; do., Spring Extra, \$2.15 to \$2.20; do., Superfine, \$1.80 to \$1.90; City Bags, delivered, \$2.85 to \$2.90.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, nominal; Oatmeal, ordinary, \$4.35 to \$4.75; granulated, \$4.80 to \$6.00.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter is extremely dull and quiet. Creamery at 19c to 20c, Eastern Townships 13½c to 17½c; and Western 12c to 14c. Cheese is bringing 8c to 8½c.

Eggs are worth 16c, the same as last week.

HOG PRODUCTS.—Are very dull We quote as follows:—Western Mess Pork, \$19.25 to \$19.70; Canada Short Cut, \$21.50; Hams, city cured, 14c to 14½c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, in pails, western, 11½c to 11¾c; do., Canadian, 10½c to 10¾c; Tallow, refined 6½c to 7½c as to quality.

ASHES are quiet at \$4.50 to \$4.65 for Pots. Pearls are quoted at \$5.25.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The attendance of farmers at the market of late has not been large, as they seem to have very little produce for sale, butter and hay being the only articles of which the farmers seem to have an abundance for sale; there are also a good many fowls and spring chickens offered. Green vegetables continue in abundant supply and sell at pretty low prices; new potatoes grown in the vicinity of the city are getting common and sell at from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per bushel. Canadian strawberries are now abundant and pretty low priced. Oats are \$1.05 to \$1.20 per bag; peas, \$1.05 to \$1.10 per bushel; potatoes, 90c to \$1.05 per bag. Tub butter, 15c to 18c per lb.; eggs, 16c to 25c per dozen. Apples, \$7.00 to \$8.00 per barrel; hay \$5.50 to \$7.00 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs. Pressed hay, 55c to 65c per 100 lbs.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The supply of butchers' cattle and sheep was much smaller this week, but so were also the wants of the butchers, and prices are generally without change, except that choice cattle are held at somewhat higher rates. Most of the cattle offered are grass-fed and not equal in quality to ordinary stall-fed beasts. The prices of "grassers" range from 3½c to 4½c per lb., and of stall-fed cattle, from 4½c to 5½c do. A few of the best sheep brought to market are being bought by shippers at about 4½c per lb.; ordinary sheep sell at from \$4.00 to \$6.00 each; good lambs at \$3.50 to \$4.50 each and common lambs at \$2.00 to \$3.00 each. Fat hogs are less plentiful this week and prices have an upward tendency, as from 6½c to 6¾c per lb. The market for milk cows has been much overstocked of late and a large proportion of the cows offered on Viger Market last Friday, were not sold.

NEW YORK, June 24, 1884.

GRAIN.—The following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat \$95½ July; \$98½ August; \$1.00 Sept.; \$1.01½ Oct. Corn, 58½c July; 60c August; 61½c Sept. 62½c Oct. Oats, 4½c July; 33½ August; 33½c Sept.

FLOUR.—quotations are:—Spring Wheat Superfine, \$2.65 to \$3.00; Low Extra, \$3.30 to \$3.45; Clears, \$4.00 to \$5.20; Straight (full stock), \$5.10 to \$5.85; Patent, \$5.00 to \$6.25. Winter Wheat, Superfine, \$2.85 to \$3.15; Low Extra, \$3.35 to \$3.65; Clears (R. and A.), \$4.00 to \$5.35; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.60 to \$5.90; Patent, \$5.00 to \$6.25; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.45 to \$5.50; Low Extra (City Mill), \$3.50 to \$4.90; West India, sacks, \$3.60 to \$4.60; barrels, West India, \$5.00 to \$5.05; Patent, \$5.50 to \$6.00; South America, \$5.00 to \$5.15; Patent, \$5.40 to \$5.85. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.70 to \$5.15; Family, \$5.25 to \$6.15; Rye Flour—Fine to Superfine \$2.85 to \$4.25.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, Western fine, \$5.00 to \$5.40; Coarse, \$5.40 to \$5.90 per brl. Cornmeal, Brandywine, \$3.40 to \$3.50; Western Yellow, \$3.10 to \$3.25; Bag meal, Coarse City, \$1.15 to \$1.20; Fine white, \$1.50 to \$1.65; Fine yellow, \$1.40 to \$1.50 per 100 lbs. Corn flour, \$3.25 to \$3.30; Hominy, \$4.00 to \$4.25 per barrel.

SEEDS.—Clover seed, 10c to 10½c fair to choice; timothy, retail parcels \$1.55 to \$1.70; round lots \$1.50 to \$1.60; domestic flaxseed nominal, \$1.60 to \$1.70; Calcutta linseed, spot \$1.90 to \$1.95, and to arrive, \$1.80 to \$1.85.

BUTTER.—There is not much doing and but few buyers. Holders refuse to make any concessions to the dull market with regard to fine grades. The following are the quotations for new:—Creamery, ordinary to fancy, 15c to 22c. State dairies, not quoted; Half firkins, fair to best, 15c to 20; Welsh tubs, fair to choice, 17c to 19c; Western imitation creamery, 12c to 17c; Western dairy, 11c to 10c; Western factory, ordinary to best made, 8c to 14c.

CHEESE.—A quiet and somewhat uncertain market. We quote as follows:—State factory, skins to select, 4½c to 9½c; Pennsylvania creams, good to prime, 1c to 1½c; Ohio full ordinary, 6c to 7½c.

BEEF.—We quote:—Extra mess \$12.00. Extra India mess, \$18.50 to \$20; Packet, \$12.50 to \$13.00 in brls.

BEEF HAMS.—Prices are firm at \$27.00 to \$27.50 spot lots.

PORK.—We quote:—\$15.50 for old brands mess; \$16.00 new mess; \$14.50 for extra prime; \$17.00 to \$18.00 for clear back \$15.50 to \$16.00 for family.

BACON.—The market much quieter at 7.70c.

CUTMEATS.—Pickled bellies, 12c lb. average, 7½; pickled shoulders, 7½; pickled hams, 12c to 12½; smoked shoulders, 8½; smoked hams, 13½c to 13¾c.

LARD.—Prices are lower. City lard bringing 7.80c. Western 7.45c.

HIGH LICENSE A FAILURE.

Dr. Herrick Johnson says: On the other hand the proofs of failure are signal. I give but two, the one covering a city and the other a state. The city is Des Moines, Iowa, and the facts are vouched for by a gentleman over his own signature, "taken from the records of the city clerk." In 1871, with the license fee \$150 there were twelve saloons. In 1872, with license at \$200 there were twenty-five saloons. In 1880, with license at \$250 there were forty-nine saloons. And in 1882, with license at \$1,000 there were sixty saloons. The state referred to is Nebraska, where prohibition is the general state law, but high license is optional and the local exception. The fee is \$1,000. The law was enacted in 1881. In 1882 the records showed 226 less saloons, but in 1883 the records showed a gain of fifty-nine. The Hon. H. W. Hardy, ex-mayor of Lincoln, Neb., and the father of the high license idea, testifies: "There has been no improvement in our saloons." "Gambling and prostitution go hand in hand." "High license has done nothing toward waking up temperance sentiment." "Saloon keepers violate the law just as they always have." John B. Finch, prominent in the advocacy of the law, and an ardent temperance man, testifies: "I was a friend of the law at its birth. I now know I was terribly mistaken in my theories." "Many of the delusions urged in defence of high license have been exploded by the trial of the law.

RAINY DAYS.

An interesting calculation has been made of the number of rainy days in the year in different parts of Europe. From this it appears that on the plains of the Volga river, near Kasan, it rains on 90 days in the year; on the plateau of Germany on 131½; in England, France, North Germany, and in the Gulf of Finland, on from 152 to 155; in Poland, on 158; in the Netherlands, on 170; and in the east of Ireland on 208. The nearer the sea the rainier it gets, the number of wet days decreasing as we go inland. There are twice as many rainy days in West as in East Europe, and Ireland is thrice as wet as Italy or Southern Spain.

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