

FROM THE PLATFORM

"LOST AND FOUND"

Begin the talk from the platform by asking the scholars if they ever read the advertisements in the newspapers. Do they ever read the small advertisements? There are usually some very interesting ones under the heading, LOST AND FOUND (Print). People lose such queer things. Have any of the scholars ever lost anything, and advertised for it? Long ago in the kingdom of Judah a most important thing was lost. What was it? Point out that for a long time no serious attempt was made to find the lost book of the Law. Why? People only search for that in which they are interested. Lots of people didn't even know that the precious book was lost. Have one of the scholars prepared to tell the story of the finding of the book. What is the best way for us to preserve the scriptures? Find the answer in the Golden Text.

Lesson IX.

THE CAPTIVITY OF JUDAH

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2 Kings 25 : 1-12. Study 2 Kings 25 : 1-21. Scripture Memory Verses.

GOLDEN TEXT—As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked.—Ezekiel 33 : 11.

1 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jeru'salem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

2 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

3 And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

4 And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chal'dees were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain.

5 And the army of the Chal'dees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah: and they gave judgment upon him.

Revised Version—¹ army; ² encamped; ³ So the city; ⁴ Omit And; ⁵ was sore; ⁶ so that there; ⁷ Then a breach was made in the city; ⁸ the; ⁹ was; ¹⁰ Chal'deans; ¹¹ by the way of the Arabah; ¹² But; ¹³ Then they; ¹⁴ carried; ¹⁵ unto; ¹⁶ judgement; ¹⁷ in fetters, and; ¹⁸ Now in; ¹⁹ Nebuzaradan the captain; ²⁰ even; ²¹ Omit man's; ²² And the residue; ²³ those that fell away, that fell; ²⁴ and the residue; ²⁵ captive; ²⁶ poorest.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The City Taken, 1-4.
- II. The King Captured, 5-7.
- III. The City Destroyed, 8-12.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—The captivity of Judah, 2 Kgs. 25 : 1-12. T.—The captivity of Judah, 2 Kgs. 25 : 13-21. W.—The doom foreshadowed, Isa. 22 : 1-14. Th.—Prophecy fulfilled, 2 Chron. 26 : 11-21. F.—The desolate city, Lam. 1 : 1-7. S.—The cry of the repentant, Lam. 1 : 18-22. S.—God's gracious promise, Jer. 32 : 36-44.

Primary Catechism—Ques. 43. What would have

7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

8 And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-ad'an, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jeru'salem:

9 And he burnt the house of the Lord, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jeru'salem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire.

10 And all the army of the Chal'dees, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jeru'salem round about.

11 Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-ad'an the captain of the guard carry away.

12 But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vine-dressers and husbandmen.

happened to us if Jesus had not died for us? A. If Jesus had not died for us, we all would have been lost.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 98-100.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : Memory Hymn—Primary, 17; Junior, 96 (Ps. Sel.), 505, 503, 579, 506.

Special Scripture Reading—Ps. 19 : given also in Departmental Graded Teacher's Quaterlies. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Hymn for Opening Worship—Hymn 559, Book of Praise : given also in Departmental Graded Quaterlies.

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 579, Captives in Babylon. For Question on Missions, K. 16, Dispensary Patients, Korean Mother and Her Little Boy. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 96 Queen St. East, Toronto.)