

## LESSON VI.

*Supt.* How many years after its founding was the temple dedicated?

*School.* Twenty years.

*Supt.* How was the dedication kept?

*School.* With joy.

*Supt.* What two kinds of sacrifices were offered?

*School.* A burnt offering expressing consecration and a sin offering for the twelve tribes of Israel expressing reconciliation to God.

*Supt.* What solemn feast did they keep?

*School.* The passover.

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## LESSON VII.

*Supt.* Where did Nehemiah live when he offered his prayer?

*School.* In Shushan, a famous Persian royal residence.

*Supt.* What was his business there?

*School.* He was the king's cupbearer.

*Supt.* When Nehemiah heard that the Jews of Jerusalem were in great affliction and reproach, and that the wall was broken down and the gates burned with fire, what did he do?

*School.* He wept and mourned and fasted and prayed.

*Supt.* What promise did he plead before the Lord?

*School.* The promise made to Moses: "If ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there."

## LESSON VIII.

*Supt.* When Nehemiah had arrived at Jerusalem, what did he do?

*School.* He prayed and set a watch against their enemies.

*Supt.* What did the adversaries say?

*School.* "They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease."

*Supt.* What was his counsel to the fearful Jews?

*School.* "Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses."

*Supt.* How did the builders work?

*School.* They wrought with one hand, and with the other held a weapon.

*Supt.* What did Nehemiah say concerning divine help?

*School.* "Our God shall fight for us."

## LESSON IX.

*Supt.* Who read the law to the people?

*School.* Ezra.

*Supt.* How did the people receive it?

*School.* "The ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law."

*Supt.* When Ezra blessed the Lord, how did the people respond?

*School.* They "answered, Amen, Amen," and bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord.

*Supt.* How did Ezra and his teachers read God's word?

*School.* "Distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading."

*Supt.* What was the first effect on the people?

*School.* They mourned and wept.

*Supt.* What did Ezra say to them?

*School.* "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

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## LESSON X.

*Supt.* What sin did Nehemiah find prevalent in Jerusalem?

*School.* Sabbath-breaking.

*Supt.* Of what did he remind the nobles of Judah?

*School.* That when their fathers had done thus evil had come to them.

*Supt.* What did he do besides warning the people?

*School.* He ordered the gates closed over the Sabbath, and stationed a servant to see that no burden was brought in on the Sabbath day.

*Supt.* What did he say to the merchants who lodged about the wall?

*School.* "If ye do so again, I will lay hands on you."

## LESSON XI.

*Supt.* Where did Esther live?

*School.* In the king's palace at Shushan.

*Supt.* Who was King of Persia?

*School.* Xerxes (called in Scripture Ahasuerus).

*Supt.* What had he decreed concerning the Jews?

*School.* That they should be put to death.

*Supt.* When Mordecai asked Esther to intercede with the king for her people, what did she say?

*School.* That whosoever went to the king when not called must die, unless the king held out the golden scepter.

*Supt.* When Mordecai still further pleaded with her, what did she say?

*School.* She told him to gather the Jews and fast three days, and she would do likewise, "so will I go in unto the king,....and if I perish, I perish."

*Supt.* When Esther in her royal apparel stood before the king, what did he do?

*School.* He held out the golden scepter.

*Supt.* What did the king say to her?

*School.* "What wilt thou, queen Esther?...It shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom."

## LESSON XII.

*Supt.* What causes parents to rejoice?

*School.* When their children have wise hearts and right lips.

*Supt.* Who does Solomon say shall come to rags?

*School.* The drunkard and the glutton.

*Supt.* What does he say of winebibbers?

*School.* "Be not among winebibbers."

*Supt.* What does he say about honoring father and mother?

*School.* "Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old."

*Supt.* What does he tell us to buy?

*School.* "Buy the truth and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding."

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