

TIME.—B. C. 1012.

PLACE.—Mount Moriah.

EXPLANATIONS.—*Month Zif*—About the time of our May. *The house of the Lord*—A building which should represent God's presence among his people. *The house*—The building itself, apart from its courts. *Threescore cubits*—About ninety feet, the cubit being about a foot and a half. *The length*—The measurements, inside and outside. *Windows*—These were for the rooms in the second story of the house. *Chambers*—These were rooms for the priests around the temple. *Oracle*—The holy of holies. *Nethermost*—The lowest of the three stories. These rooms were made to rest upon walls separate from those of the temple itself. *Stone made ready*—Hewed and prepared to fit in their places. *The door*—The door to the priests' chambers, which was on the northern side of the building, and from which *winding stairs* led up to the rooms. *Five cubits high*—Each of the three stories was seven and a half feet high. *Keep all my commandments*—This Solomon with all his wisdom failed to do. *My word with thee*—The promise of long life and continued prosperity. *Built the house*—It stood on Mount Moriah, and was surrounded by an open court paved with marble, around which were columned walls.

HOME READINGS.

- M. The temple built. 1 Kings 6. 1-14.
 Tu. The material furnished. 1 Kings 5. 7-18.
 W. The temple furnished. 1 Kings 6. 17-30.
 Th. The temple repaired. 2 Kings 12. 5-12.
 F. The temple of the body. John 2 13-25.
 S. The destruction foretold. Luke 21. 5-15.
 S. The house of prayer. Isa. 56. 1-8.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. A House for the Lord. v. 1-10. When did Solomon begin to build the temple? In what year of his reign? Give the dimensions of Solomon's temple? How long is a cubit? What was the size of the porch? How was the temple lighted by day? What additions were made to the house? Of what material was the temple made? How was noise avoided while building? With what was the stone covered? What additional covering was placed upon the wood? v. 22.

2. The Lord in his House, v. 11-14. Who spoke to Solomon? What covenant was renewed? What were its conditions? Where did the Lord promise to dwell? What was the symbol of his presence? 2 Sam. 4. 4. Where was the ark placed? 1 Kings 8. 6-8. With whom does the Lord now dwell? 1 John 4. 15. How may his presence be secured? Psa. 145. 18.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson do we learn—

1. That God dwells with his people?
2. That obedience to him secures his presence?

3. That the Lord is a covenant-keeping God?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.—(For the entire school.) 1. In what year did Solomon begin

the building of the temple? In the fourth year of his reign. 2. Of what was the temple built? Of stone. 3. What was peculiar in the building of the temple? No tool of iron was heard. 4. With what was the temple covered? With beams and boards of cedar. 5. What did God say he would do if Solomon walked in his ways? He would dwell with his people Israel.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The worship of God.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. A House for the Lord, v. 1-10. When was the house built, and why is the date given so precisely? What was the form of the house? From what earlier building was it copied? Exod. 40. 2, 3. What were the two principal rooms in it? v. 17, 20. What were built on the outside of the house around it? For what purpose were these rooms? How did the manner of building the house represent God's kingdom? With what was the house ornamented? v. 21, 22. What did this represent? Rev. 21. 10, 11.

2. The Lord in his House, v. 11-14. What was God's promise concerning the house? Upon what did the promises depend? What was the word that God had spoken to David? 2 Sam. 7. 13. How was this promise fulfilled in Christ? How does God dwell among his people now? 1 John 1. 3.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

How does this lesson show—

1. The glory of God's dwelling-place?
2. The quiet growth of God's kingdom?
3. The condition of God's promises?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

When did Solomon commence to build the temple? In the fourth year of his reign. How long was this after the children of Israel left Egypt? Four hundred and eighty years. What time of the year did he commence? In the month Zif, corresponding to our month of May. Of what was the temple built? Of stone, made ready before it was brought to Jerusalem. Why did Solomon build the temple without noise? He felt that the work was sacred. For whom did Solomon build this house? For the Lord. What is the Lord's house? A place of prayer. Why should we love God's house? Because he is there. What does God call a human heart? His temple, or house. What makes God's temple glorious? His presence. With whom will God dwell? With those who keep his commandments. When will God come into our hearts? When we open the door to him. Whose word never fails? The word of the Lord. What is his word to-day? "Give me thy heart." What will he make of it? His own temple.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

God reminded Solomon, that to love him and obey his law was more than building the temple.