

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FIRST QUARTER.

B. C. 588 or 590.] LESSON X. THE DOWNFALL OF JUDAH.

[March 6.]

GOLDEN TEXT. Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. Matt. 23. 38.

Authorized Version.

Jer. 39. 1-10. [Commit to memory verses 6-8.]

1 In the ninth year of Zed'e-ki'ah king of Ju'dah, in the tenth month, came Neb'u-chad-rez'zar king of Bab'y-lon and all his army against Je-ru-sa-lem, and they besieged it.

2 And in the eleventh year of Zed'e-ki'ah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up.

3 And all the princes of the king of Bab'y-lon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even Ner'gal-sha-re'zer, Sam'gar-ne'bo, Sar-se'chim, Rab'sa-ris, Ner'gal-sha-re'zer, Rab'-mag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Bab'y-lon.

4 And it came to pass, that when Zed'e-ki'ah the king of Ju'dah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain.

5 But the Chal-de'ans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zed'e-ki'ah in the plains of Jer'i-cho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Neb'u-chad-nez'zar king of Bab'y-lon to Rib'l'ah in the land of Ha'math, where he gave judgment upon him.

6 Then the king of Bab'y-lon slew the sons of Zed'e-ki'ah in Rib'l'ah before his eyes: also the king of Bab'y-lon slew all the nobles of Ju'dah.

7 Moreover he put out Zed'e-ki'ah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Bab'y-lon.

8 And the Chal-de'ans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Je-ru-sa-lem.

9 Then Neb'u-zar-a'dan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Bab'y-lon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained.

10 But Neb'u-zar-a'dan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Ju'dah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

Revised Version.

1 And it came to pass when Je-ru-sa-lem was taken, (in the ninth year of Zed'e-ki'ah king of Ju'dah, in the tenth month, came Neb'u-chad-rez'zar king of Bab'y-lon and all his army
2 against Je-ru-sa-lem, and besieged it; in the eleventh year of Zed'e-ki'ah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, a breach
3 was made in the city:) that all the princes of the king of Bab'y-lon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even Ner'gal-sha-re'zer, Sam'gar-ne'bo, Sar-se'chim, Rab'sa-ris, Ner'gal-sha-re'zer, Rab'-mag, with all the rest of the
4 princes of the king of Bab'y-lon. And it came to pass that when Zed'e-ki'ah the king of Ju'dah and all the men of war saw them, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out
5 the way of the A'rab-ah. But the army of the Chal-de'ans pursued after them, and overtook Zed'e-ki'ah in the plains of Jer'i-cho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Neb'u-chad-rez'zar king of Bab'y-lon to Rib'l'ah in the land of Ha'math, and he gave
6 judgment upon him. Then the king of Bab'y-lon slew the sons of Zed'e-ki'ah in Rib'l'ah before his eyes: also the king of Bab'y-lon slew
7 all the nobles of Ju'dah. Moreover he put out Zed'e-ki'ah's eyes, and bound him in fetters,
8 to carry him to Bab'y-lon. And the Chal-de'ans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the
9 walls of Je-ru-sa-lem. Then Neb'u-zar-a'dan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Bab'y-lon the residue of the people that remained in the city, the deserters also, that fell away to him, and the residue of the people
10 that remained. But Neb'u-zar-a'dan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Ju'dah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

TIME.—B. C. 587 or 588. **PLACES.**—Jerusalem; plains of Jericho; Riblah. **RULERS.**—Zedekiah, the defeated vassal King of Judah; Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon. **DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—God's wrath against sin.

HOME READINGS.

M. The downfall of Judah. Jer. 39. 1-10.
Tu. Another narrative. 2 Kings 25. 1-7.

W. Jerusalem destroyed. 2 Kings 25. 8-15.
Th. Ezekiel's prophecy. Ezek. 12. 8-16.
F. Transgression punished. 2 Chron. 36. 11-27.
S. Warning. Jer. 5. 10-18.
S. A rebellious people. Isa. 1. 1-9.

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