

the other reason, 1 Chron. 22 : 8 ; 28 : 3 ; David had been so taken up with wars that there were neither time nor the resources left to build a worthy temple. It would be merely a second best ; and God requires, for His service, the very best. Now, for the reason given in the Lesson (vs. 5, 6) for David's consolation in his disappointment : God had done, and could do, without a temple. Acts 17 : 24 is the best comment.

"I took thee...I have been with thee." Have the class examine this foundation. Splendid promises are built on it. What greater thing

can God do for anyone, than to "take" or choose him for His service, and to be with him in His might and knowledge and wisdom ?

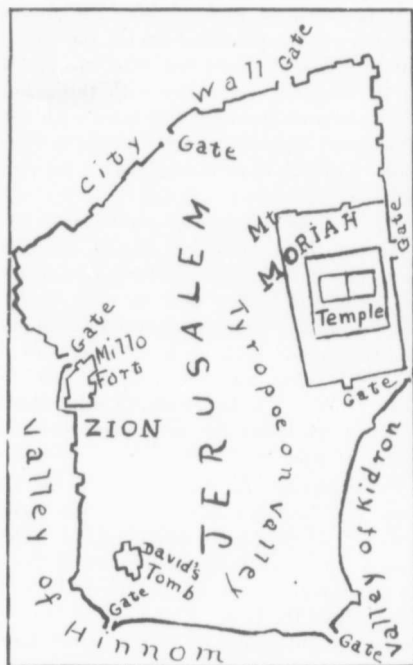
"Moreover" (v. 10). That is the first storey of the building.

"Furthermore." That it is the second storey.

"And it shall come to pass." That is the top storey.

Take the class through these great promises, showing how much grander God's plan was than David's, especially as outlined in v. 14, of which Jesus, of David's line, was the fulfilment.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



Jerusalem sits on a hill in the centre of the ridge running north and south through Palestine, and is defended on three sides by deep ravines. A depression, now largely filled up by the ruins of ages, ran down the centre of the city from north to south, deepening towards the south, and divided it into two hills, the Eastern and Western. The walls of the present city are about two and a half miles in circumference, but the ancient city extended further north and northwest. Besides its military strength, it stood on a neutral spot between Judah and Benjamin, and was well fitted to be a centre for all the tribes, for which Hebron was too far south. Also, it commanded the main line of communication between the north and the south. The scarcity of water in the country round Jerusalem was an important element in her defence. More than one besieging army withdrew on this account. Owing to the extent of the subterranean reservoirs, and the care with which all the rain water was preserved, the defenders never suffered from thirst in any siege. This helped them greatly in holding out against their besiegers.

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Some Test Questions

1. Where had David built a palace for himself ? By whom had he been furnished with materials and workmen ?
2. Where had the ark been kept ? What did David wish to do ? To whom did he

make his desire known ?

3. What did Nathan at first think of the king's purpose ? How did he learn his mistake ?

4. What did the Lord refuse David permission to do ? In what did He say He had been dwelling ? For how long ?

5. What had the Lord done for David in the past ?