

Lesson I.

ISAIAH'S PROPHECY CONCERNING
SENNACHERIB

July 2, 1911

Isaiah 37 : 21-36. * Commit to memory vs. 33-35. Study Isaiah 37 : 14-38. Read Isaiah, chs. 36, 37.

GOLDEN TEXT—God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.—Psalm 46 : 1.

21 Then Isai'ah the son of A'moz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord¹ God of Is'rael, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria :

22 This is the word which the Lord hath spoken concerning him : The virgin, ² the daughter of Zi'on, hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn ; the daughter of Jeru'salem hath shaken her head at thee.

23 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed ? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high ? even against the Holy One of Is'rael.

24 By thy servants hast thou reproached the Lord, and hast said, ³ By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Leb'anon ; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof ; and I will enter into ⁴ the height of his border, and the forest of his Carmel.

25 I have digged, and drunk water ; and with the sole of my feet ⁵ have I dried up all the rivers of ⁶ the besieged places.

26 Hast thou not heard ⁷ long ago, how I have done it ; and of ancient times, that I have formed it ? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldst be to lay waste ⁸ defenced cities into ruinous heaps.

27 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded ; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the house-tops, and as ⁹ corn blasted before it be grown up.

Revised Version.—¹ the ; ² Omit the ; ³ With the ; ⁴ his innermost parts of ; ⁵ his farthest height, the forest of his fruitful field ; ⁶ will I dry up ; ⁷ Egypt ; ⁸ how I have done it long ago, and formed it of ancient times ; ⁹ fenced ; ¹⁰ a field of corn before ; ¹¹ sitting down ; ¹² raging ; ¹³ of thy raging against ; ¹⁴ for that time arrogancy is come ; ¹⁵ that which growth ; ¹⁶ in ; ¹⁷ out of Mount Zion they that shall escape ; ¹⁸ perform this ; ¹⁹ unto ; ²⁰ neither shall he come ; ²¹ shield ; ²² mount ; ²³ he ; ²⁴ And the ; ²⁵ men arose.

LESSON PLAN

I. Sennacherib's Pride, 21-29.

II. Hezekiah's Sign, 30-32.

III. Jerusalem's Safety, 33-36.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—Isaiah's prophecy concerning Sennacherib, Isa. 37 : 5-20. T.—Isaiah's prophecy concerning Sennacherib, Isa. 37 : 21-38. W.—A proud boast, 2 Chron. 32 : 9-20. Th.—Blasphemy rebuked, Ezek. 35 : 10-15. F.—Pride humbled, Isa. 2 : 10-22. S.—Trust in God, Ps. 31 : 9-24. S.—God giveth victory, Ps. 76.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 94. What is baptism ? A. Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

The Question on Missions.—(CANADIAN PROBLEMS : July, The Jews in Canada.)—1. How many Jews are there in Canada ? Over 100,000, chiefly in the larger towns and cities. They are mostly from

28 But I know thy ¹¹ abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy ¹² rage against me.

29 Because ¹³ thy rage against me, and ¹⁴ thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put myhook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

30 And this shall be a ¹⁵ sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year ¹⁶ such as groweth of itself ; and ¹⁷ the second year that which springeth of the same ; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Ju'dah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward :

32 For out of Jeru'salem shall go forth a remnant, and ¹⁷ they that escape out of mount Zi'on : the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall ¹⁸ do this.

33 Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come ¹⁹ into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, ²⁰ nor come before it with ²¹ shields, nor cast a ²² bank against it.

34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and ²³ shall not come ¹⁹ into this city, saith the Lord.

35 For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant Da'vid's sake.

36 ²⁴ Then the angel of the Lord went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand : and when ²⁵ they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

Russia ; but there are many also from Great Britain, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Holland, Roumania and Palestine. They speak the language of the country from which they come ; but, in addition, most of them speak Yiddish, a sort of corrupt German understood by nearly all Jews.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 97 (Supplemental Lesson) ; 264 ; 273 ; 34 (Ps. Sel.) ; 304 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY) ; 272.

Special Scripture Reading—Rom. 8 : 31-39. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.) It is expected that each scholar will have his or her Bible, and so be prepared to take part in this reading, which may form part of the opening exercises of the School.

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 850, Destruction of the Army of Sennacherib. For Question on Missions, J. M. 40, Jews on Their Arrival from Russia ; J. M. 58, A Jewish Merchant.

Stereograph—For Lesson, Ancient Pool of Hezekiah, Northeast to Church of Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem (Underwood & Underwood, Dept. D., 62 Adelaide Street East, Toronto), set of 10 stereographs for Quarter's Lessons, \$1.67 ; four for July, 67c. ; less than four in one order, 20c. each ; stereoscopes, 85c. (postage paid in all cases). In ordering please mention THE TEACHERS MONTHLY.

EXPOSITION

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Time and Place—B.C. 701 ; Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—Sennacherib, king of Assyria (B. C. 705-681), who invaded Judah, B.C. 701, sent a threatening letter to Heze-

kiah demanding the surrender of Jerusalem. Hezekiah, having received the letter, prayed to Jehovah that He would vindicate His name and His people. Vs. 14-20.

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