

Sabbath School Lessons.

Mar. 6. THE DOWNFALL OF JUDAH.

Lesson, Jer. 39:1-10. Golden text, Matt. 22:38.
Memory vs. 6-8. Catechism Q. 63.

Time, Jerusalem was destroyed, 586 b.c.

Places.—Jerusalem.

Riblah, 75 miles N.E. of Jerusalem.
Babylon.

Kings.—Zedekiah, the last king of Judah.
Nebuchednezzar, king of Babylon.

Prophets.—Jeremiah in Jerusalem, 627-582 B.C.
Ezekiel, 400 miles N. of Babylon, 598-573 B.C.

Daniel in Babylon, 606-536 B.C.

Obadiah, 585 B.C.

- I. The siege and capture of the city, vs. 1-3.
- II. The flight and capture of the king, vs. 4-7.
- III. The destruction of the city and temple, v.8.
- IV. The captivity of the people, vs. 9-10.

Mar. 13. PROMISE OF A NEW HEART.

Lesson, Ezek. 36:25-38. Golden text, Ezek. 36:26.
Memory vs. 25, 27. Catechism Q. 64

Time of Lesson—Soon after Jerusalem was destroyed, between 586-572 B.C.

Place—River Chebar, about 400 N. of Babylon.
Read—2 Kings, chap. 24, 25; 2 Chron., chap. 36.
Prophets who lived at this time: Jeremiah in Jerusalem, and Daniel in Babylon.

Ezekiel was born in or near Jerusalem. When Nebuchednezzar carried Judah captive, 598 B.C., Ezekiel was a young man of 25 years of age. He was taken away and sent to live in Chebar, some 400 miles north of Babylon. Here he preached or prophesied for 22 years.

- I. Promise of a new heart, vs. 25-27.
- II. Outward blessing that would accompany it, vs. 28-30, 33-35, 37, 38.
- III. Humility that accompanies it, vs. 31, 32.
- IV. The effect upon the heathen, v. 36.

So is it to-day, a new heart will bring temporal blessing, penitence and humility, and will make others see that God is with us.

Mar. 20. REVIEW.

Lesson:—Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel.

Is. 2: 1, 2, 9; 26: 3, 4; 53: 4, 5; 55: 1, 6, 7.
Jer. 3: 33-34.

Ezekiel. 36: 25-27.

Golden text, Is. 55: 6. Catechism Q. 65.

The centre of all these lessons was the overthrow of Jerusalem.

The sin of the people led to this sad event. The Prophets warned them of their sin, but they heeded not.

In all the warning there was hope held out. So God's word warns us of sin, and offers hope and pardon to all who repent and turn from it.

Mar. 27. BLESSINGS OF THE GOSPEL.

Lesson, Is. 40: 1-10. Golden text, Is. 40: .
Memory vs. 3, 4. Catechism Q. 7 .

This prophecy is spoken to the Jews in Babylon, but was spoken by Isaiah more than two centuries before.

Judah had been carried to Babylon for sin, from 606 to 586 B.C. And now they are penitent, and God will restore them to their own land.

- I. A voice bidding the prophet comfort Israel, vs. 1, 2.
- II. A voice telling others to prepare the way for Israel's return, vs. 3-5.
- III. A voice telling how sure this promise is, as it depends upon the word of the living God, vs. 6-8.
- IV. The prophet bidding Jerusalem to tell the glad news that has come to her, vs. 9, 10.

Have you accepted the gladness of deliverance from the bondage of sin that has come you?

A TRUE STORY.

"Papa, will you please give me fifty cents for my new spring hat? Most all the academy girls have theirs."

"No, May; I can't spare the money."

The above request was persuasively made by a sixteen year old maiden as she was preparing for school, one fine spring morning. The refusal came from the parent in a curt, indifferent tone.

The disappointed girl went to school. The father started for his place of business. On his way thither he met a friend, and, being hail fellow well met, he invited him into Mac's for a drink. As usual, there were others there, and the man that could not spare his daughter fifty cents for a hat treated the crowd.

When about to leave, he laid a half-dollar on the counter, which just paid for the drinks.

Just then the saloon-keeper's daughter entered, and, going behind the bar, said, "Papa, I want fifty cents for my new spring hat."

"All right," said the dealer, and taking up the half-dollar from the counter, he handed it over to the girl, who departed smiling.

May's father seemed dazed, walked out alone, and said to himself, "I had to bring my fifty cents here for the rum-seller's daughter to buy a hat with, after refusing it to my own. I'll never drink another drop." And he kept his pledge.—*Philadelphia Methodist*.

I love them that love me, and they that seek me early shall find me.