

# International Bible Lessons

## Studies in the Book of the Acts.

### LESSON CALENDAR: SECOND QUARTER

1. April 5..... Paul's Farewell to Ephesus. Acts 20: 28-38.
2. April 12..... The Resurrection. 1 Cor. 15: 20, 21; 50-58.
3. April 19..... The Law of Love. Rom. 13: 7-14.
4. April 26..... Paul's Journey to Jerusalem. Acts 21: 3-12.
5. May 3..... Paul Arrested. Acts 21: 30: 39.
6. May 10..... The Plot Against Paul, Acts 23: 12-22.
7. May 17..... Paul Before Felix. Acts 24: 10-16, 24-26.
8. May 24..... Paul Before Agrippa. Acts 26: 19-29.
9. May 31..... The Life-Giving Spirit. Rom. 8: 1-14.
10. June 7..... Paul's Voyage and Shipwreck. Acts 27: 33-44.
11. June 14..... Paul at Rome. Acts 28: 16-24, 30, 31.
12. June 21..... Paul's Charge to Timothy. 2 Tim. 3: 14 to 4: 8.
13. June 28..... REVIEW.

#### Lesson I.

### PAUL'S FAREWELL TO EPHESUS

April 5, 1903

Acts 20: 28-38. Study vs. 17-38. Commit to memory vs. 31-34. Read vs. 1-16.

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

**Revised Version**—1 *Omit* therefore; 2 in; 3 bishops; 4 he purchased; 5 And from among; 6 the; 7 Wherefore watch ye, remembering; 8 admonish; 9 I coveted; 10 *Omit* have; 11 In all things I gave you an example; 12 help; 13 he himself; 14 word; 15 had spoken; 16 behold; 17 brought him on his way.

#### GOLDEN TEXT

Acts 20: 35. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

#### DAILY READINGS

M.—Acts 20: 16-27. Address to the elders.  
T.—Acts 20: 28-38. Paul's farewell to Ephesus.  
W.—1 Peter 5: 1-11. Elders exhorted.  
Th.—2 Cor. 12: 10-19. Strength in weakness.  
F.—2 John. Warning against deceivers.  
S.—1 Cor. 4: 6-16. A pattern.  
S.—Col. 2: 1-9. Steadfast in the truth.

#### CATECHISM

Q. 70. Which is the seventh commandment?  
A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Q. 71. What is required in the seventh commandment?  
A. The seventh commandment requireth the pre-

servation of our own and our neighbour's chastity, in heart, speech and behaviour.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down and prayed with them all.

37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

#### TIME AND PLACE

Paul arrived at Miletus on Thursday, April 20, A.D. 58. If he sent for the elders on Thursday afternoon, they might have arrived by the following Sabbath. Miletus: a city of Asia Minor, 36 miles south of Ephesus, at the mouth of the river Meander.

#### LESSON PLAN

I. A Solemn Charge, 28-31.

Given by Paul to the Ephesian elders.

II. A Noble Example, 32-35.

Shown by Paul while living at Ephesus.

III. A Sorrowful Parting, 36-38.

Of Paul from his Ephesian friends.

#### LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 464; 35 (Ps. Sel.); 246; 260; 404; 682.

#### EXPOSITION

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**Connecting Links**—After the riot at Ephesus (Lesson XI., First Quarter), Paul visited the churches of Europe, ch. 20: 1, 2. A plot of the Jews led him to return the way he had gone (ch. 20: 3); and from Philippi in Macedonia he sailed for Troas in Asia

Minor. From Troas he sailed to Miletus, 36 miles south of Ephesus. He did not call at the latter place, for he was hastening to reach Jerusalem by Pentecost, ch. 20: 6-16.

From Miletus he sent for the elders of the church of Ephesus, and delivered to them