

Rest.

Come ye yourselves apart, and rest awhile.

O THOU who feelest life's journey long, And fain wouldst with a listless song...

O thou poor, weary, anxious one, Toiling from morn till set of sun,

To soothe that dull and aching heart; Oh, come now from yourselves apart,

Thou child of pleasure, bright and gay, Happy and thoughtless, day by day,

And thou, e'en though thy life hath been One long, unpardoned, unrepented sin,

Though all the world oppress and hate, He calls thee now, ere 'tis too late,

To every true and faithful heart Christ says, "Come ye yourselves apart,

He knows the labourers are few, And surely thou hast much to do,

Rest now from all thy toil and care, Rest 'neath the Saviour's cross, for there...

O God, when life's long day is done, When through time's glass the sand has run,

Oh, grant to every weary one A heavenly rest!

LESSON NOTES. FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

B.C. 984] LESSON XI. [Dec. 15.

SOLOMON'S FALL.

1 Kings 11. 4-13. Memory verses, 9, 11.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.—1 Cor. 10. 12.

OUTLINE.

- 1. The King's Folly, v. 4-8. 2. The Lord's Anger, v. 9-13.

TIME.—984 B.C. PLACE.—Jerusalem.

EXPLANATIONS.—When Solomon was old—He was not more than fifty-two years old, but his life had been very eventful.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

- Where in this lesson are we taught— 1. To avoid wicked companions? 2. That the heart is the seat of evil? 3. That God will surely punish sin?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What was the occasion of Solomon's fall? "His heart was not perfect with God." 2. What form did his sins assume? "He worshipped false gods."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Apostasy.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

57. What is the Providence of God? The Providence of God is his preservation of all his creatures, his care for all their wants, and his rule over all their actions.

In him we live, and move, and have our being.—Acts 17. 28.

Hebrews 1. 3; Nehemiah 9. 6; Psalm 103. 19; Psalm 145. 15, 16; 1 Timothy 6. 15.

B.C. 980-975] LESSON XII. [Dec. 22.

CLOSE OF SOLOMON'S REIGN.

1 Kings 11. 26-43. Memory verses, 42, 43.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.—Eccl. 12. 13.

OUTLINE.

- 1. Ahijah's prophecy, v. 26-39. 2. Solomon's death, v. 40-43.

TIME.—980-975 B.C.

PLACE.—Jerusalem.

EXPLANATIONS.—Repaired the breaches—Probably openings or breaks in the masonry of the city walls which required the service of so skilled an engineer as Jeroboam.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught— 1. That sin brings trouble? 2. That a good man brings blessing to his children? 3. That obedience to God is our highest good?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What word of doom hung over Solomon's closing days? "Thy kingdom is divided." 2. To whom was it foretold to have been given? "Jeroboam, Solomon's chief engineer."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The ruin of sin.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

58. Is there then any special Providence over men? Yes; our Lord said: "Behold the birds of the heaven, that they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; and your heavenly Father feedeth them."

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