

Lesson XI.

CLOSE OF PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY September 12, 1909

Acts 21 : 1-17. Commit to memory vs. 13, 14.

GOLDEN TEXT—The will of the Lord be done.—Acts 21 : 14.

1 And ¹it came to pass, that ²after we were ³gotten from them, and had ⁴launched, we came with a straight course unto ⁵Co's, and th. ⁶day following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Pat'ara :

2 And ⁷finding a ship sailing over unto ⁸Phenicia, we went aboard, and set ⁹forth.

3 Now when we had ¹⁰discovered Cy'prus, ¹¹we left it on the left hand, ¹²and sailed ¹³into Sy'ria, and landed at Tyre : for there the ship was to unlade her burden.

4 And ¹⁴finding disciples, we tarried there seven days : ¹⁵who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not ¹⁶go up to Jeru'salem.

5 And when ¹⁷we had accomplished ¹⁸those days, we departed and went ¹⁹our way ; and they ²⁰all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city : and ²¹we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

6 And when we had taken our leave one of another, we took ship ; and they returned home again.

7 And when we had finished ²²our course from Tyre, we ²³came to Ptolema'is, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.

8 And ²⁴the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Cesare'a : and ²⁵we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, ²⁶which was one of the seven ; ²⁷and abode with him.

Revised Version—¹when ; ²Omit after ; ³parted ; ⁴set sail ; ⁵Cos ; ⁶next day ; ⁷having found a ship crossing ; ⁸Phoenicia ; ⁹sail ; ¹⁰come in sight of ; ¹¹leaving it ; ¹²we ; ¹³unto ; ¹⁴having found the disciples ; ¹⁵and these said ; ¹⁶set foot in ; ¹⁷it came to pass that we ; ¹⁸the ; ¹⁹on our journey ; ²⁰all, with wives and children, brought us on our way ; ²¹kneeling down on the beach, we prayed, and bade each other farewell ; and we went on board the ship, but they returned ; ²²the voyage ; ²³arrived at ; ²⁴on the morrow we departed ; ²⁵entering ; ²⁶who ; ²⁷we abode ; ²⁸Now this man ; ²⁹coming to us, and taking ; ³⁰he bound ; ³¹feet and hands ; ³²do ye, weeping and breaking my heart ; ³³these ; ³⁴baggage ; ³⁵And there ; ³⁶from ; ³⁷bringing ; ³⁸early.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Voyage, 1-9.
- II. The Warning, 10-14.
- III. The Arrival, 15-17.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—Close of Third Missionary Journey, Acts 21 : 1-17. T.—“One of the seven,” Acts 6 : 1-7. W.—Agabus the prophet, Acts 11 : 22-30. Th.—Taking up the cross, Mk. 8 : 31-38. F.—Blessing in reproaches, Luke 6 : 17-23. S.—Facing persecution, Luke 18 : 28-34. S.—By life or death, Phil. 1 : 12-21.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 29. *How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ ?* A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

EXPOSITION

Time and Place—56 A.D. ; from Miletus to Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—The Lesson follows immediately upon Lesson X.

I. The Voyage, 1-9.

Vs. 1, 2. *Gotten from them* (see ch. 20 : 36-38) ; “torn from their embrace”, says one interpreter : a painful and difficult separation. *Launched* ; set sail. *A straight course*. See Geography Lesson for most of the points touched on the voyage. *A ship crossing over* (Rev. Ver.) ; a larger merchantman, which, instead of hugging the coast, as the voyagers

⁹ ²⁸ And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

10 And as we tarried *there* many days, there came down from Jude'a a certain prophet, named Agabus.

11 And ²⁹ when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, ³⁰ and bound his own ³¹ hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jeru'salem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver *him* into the hands of the Gen'tiles.

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jeru'salem.

13 Then Paul answered, What ³² mean ye to weep and to break mine heart ? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jeru'salem for the name of the Lord Je'sus.

14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

15 And after ³⁴ those days we took up our ³⁵ carriages, and went up to Jeru'salem.

16 ³⁶ ³⁸ There went with us also *certain* of the disciples of Cesare'a, ³⁸ and brought with them one Mna'son of Cy'prus, an ³⁹ old disciple, with whom we should lodge.

17 And when we were come to Jeru'salem, the brethren received us gladly.

The Question on Missions—11. How do the boys spend the Sabbath ? There are Sabbath Schools in all our School buildings and churches, where the International Lessons are taught in English and Hindi. Reading matter is given to the scholars as far as funds will allow, and picture cards and roll are used for little children. There are also preaching services held in Hindi in all our Schools every Sabbath.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 240 (Supplemental Lesson) ; 252 ; 263 ; 82 (Ps. Sel.) ; 306 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY) ; 304.

Special Scripture Reading—Rom. 8 : 28-39. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 157, The Prophecy of Agabus. For Question on Missions, Tr. 11, A Palm-roofed Church in the Jungle ; in which forty Christians meet weekly for worship ; a Hindoo in working garb by the window.

had hitherto been doing in their smaller vessel, was going to stand straight across the open sea. *Unto Phenicia* ; the strip of coast north of Palestine.

Vs. 3, 4. *Discovered* ; sighted, a sailor's word, literally, “having made to rise up out of the sea”. Luke is careful to give the exact details of the trip, and he seems to have been familiar with the sea. *Cyprus* ; the island formerly visited by Paul and Barnabas, ch. 13 : 4. *Unto Syria* (Rev. Ver.). So the Roman province was named which included Phœnicia. *At Tyre . . . to unlade*. Tyre