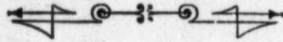


LESSON III—July 18th, 1897.

Paul at Thessalonica and Berea. ACTS 17: 1-12.



GOLDEN TEXT: "They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily." Acts 17: 11.



1 Now when they had passed through Am-phil'o-lis and Ap'ol-lo'ni-a, they came to Thes'sa-lo-ni'ca, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Je'sus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

4 And some of them believed, and con-sorted with Paul and Si'las; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Ja'son, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Ja'son and certain brethren unto the

rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also:

7 Whom Ja'son hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Cæ'sar, saying that there is another king, *one* Je'sus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Ja'son, and of the others, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Si'las by night unto Be-re'a: who coming *thither* went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more noble than those in Thes'sa-lo-ni'ca, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.