

International Bible Lessons.

SECOND QUARTER: STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF THE ACTS.

LESSON V. The Church at Antioch in Syria.

[May 4.]

GOLDEN TEXT. The hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. Acts 11. 21.

AUTHORIZED VERSION.

[Read Isa. 62.]

Acts 11. 19-30. [Commit to memory verses 22-24.]

19 Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen traveled as far as Phe-ni'ce, and Cy'prus, and An'ti-och, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

20 And some of them were men of Cy'prus and Cy-re'ne, which, when they were come to An'ti-och, spake unto the Gre'cians, preaching the Lord Je'sus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Je-ru-sa-lem: and they sent forth Bar-na-bas, that he should go as far as An'ti-och.

23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, and full of the Ho'ly Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

5 Then departed Bar-na-bas to Tar'sus, for to seek Saul:

26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto An'ti-och. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Chris'tians first in An'ti-och.

27 And in these days came prophets from Je-ru-sa-lem unto An'ti-och.

28 And there stood up one of them named Ag'a-bus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Clau'di-us Cæ'sar.

29 Then the disciples, every man accord-ing to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Ju-de'a:

30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Bar-na-bas and Saul.

Time.—From A. D. 41 to 43. **Place.**—Antioch in Syria.

Home Readings.

M. The Church at Antioch. Acts 11. 19-30.

Tu. Persecution and dispersion. Matt. 10. 16-23.

W. "I am with you." Matt. 23. 16-30.

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19 They therefore that were scattered abroad upon the tribulation that arose about Stephen traveled as far as Phœnicia, and Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to none save only to Jews. 20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number that believed turned unto the Lord. 22 And the report concerning them came to the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas as far as Antioch: 23 who, when he was come, and had seen the grace of God, was glad; and he exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord: 24 for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. 25 And he went forth to Tarsus to seek for Saul: 26 and when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that even for a whole year they were gathered together with the church, and taught much people; and that the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

27 Now in these days there came down prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be a great famine over all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius. 29 And the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren that dwelt in Judæa: 30 which also they did, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Th. Rejoicing in success. Luke 10. 17-24.

F. Gifts by the Church. 2 Cor. 8. 1-9.

S. Advice to the Church. 1 Pet. 5. 1-11.

S. Exhortation to Christians. Rom. 12. 1-15.

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