

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW, SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS

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TO MAKE READY FOR THE REVIEW—The scholar should revise his Supplemental Bible Work, Scripture Memory Passages, Shorter Catechism (Special), The Ten Commandments, and the Question on Missions for the Quarter.

DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN

Daniel 6 : 10-23. Commit to memory vs. 21-23. Study Daniel, ch. 6.

GOLDEN TEXT—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.—Psalm 34 : 7.

10 ¹ Now when Dan'iel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house ; ² and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jeru'salem, ³ he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

11 Then these men assembled ⁴, and found Dan'iel ⁵ praying and making supplication before his God.

12 Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's ⁶ decree ; Hast thou not signed ⁷ a decree, that every man that shall ⁸ ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save ⁹ of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions ? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Per'sians, which altereth not.

13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Dan'iel, which is of the children of the captivity of Ju'dah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the ¹⁰ decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased ¹¹ with himself, and set his heart on Dan'iel to deliver him ; and he laboured till the going down of the sun to ¹² deliver him.

15 Then these men assembled ¹³ unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that ¹⁴ the law of the Medes and Per'sians ¹⁵ is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought

Revised Version—¹ And when ; ² now his windows were open ; ³ and he ; ⁴ together ; ⁵ making petition and supplication ; ⁶ interdict ; ⁷ an interdict ; ⁸ make petition unto any god or ; ⁹ unto thee ; ¹⁰ Omit with himself ; ¹¹ rescue ; ¹² it is a law ; ¹³ that no interdict nor ; ¹⁴ nothing might be ; ¹⁵ music ; ¹⁶ fled ; ¹⁷ near unto the den to Daniel, he ; ¹⁸ Omit three words ; ¹⁹ and they ; ²⁰ Omit for him ; ²¹ had trusted.

LESSON PLAN

I. Accused, 10-15.

II. Sentenced, 16-18.

III. Delivered, 19-23.

DAILY READINGS

(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association)

M.—Daniel in the lions' den, Dan. 6 : 1-9. T.—Daniel in the lions' den, Dan. 6 : 10-18. W.—Daniel in the lions' den, Dan. 6 : 19-28. Th.—God rather than men, Acts 5 : 25-33. F.—Safety of the upright, Isa. 33 : 13-22. S.—God's heroes, Heb. 11 : 32-40. S.—God a Saviour, Ps. 37 : 27-40.

EXPOSITION

Time and Place—About B.C. 538 ; perhaps Babylon.

Connecting Links—The narratives of the first half of the Book of Daniel are meant to inculcate unswerving loyalty to the law of God. The four youths refuse to defile themselves with unlawful meats, and outstrip all rivals in understanding and wisdom, ch. 1. The three refuse to bow the knee to Bel, and God sends His angel to shield them from evil, ch. 3. Daniel prays three times a day to the

Dan'iel, and cast him into the den of lions. Note the king spake and said unto Dan'iel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den ; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords ; that ¹⁴ the purpose might not be changed concerning Dan'iel.

18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting ; neither were instruments of ¹⁵ music brought before him ; and his sleep ¹⁶ went from him.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 And when he came ¹⁷ to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice ¹⁸ unto Dan'iel ; and the king spake and said to Dan'iel, O Dan'iel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions ?

21 Then said Dan'iel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, ¹⁹ that they have not hurt me ; forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me ; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23 Then was the king exceeding glad ²⁰ for him, and commanded that they should take Dan'iel up out of the den. So Dan'iel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he ²¹ believed in his God.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 97 (Supplemental Lesson) ; 297 ; 320 ; 100 (Ps. Sel.) ; 80 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY) ; 293.

Special Scripture Reading—Ps. 34. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 1103, Conspiracy of the Princes ; B. 877, Daniel in the Lions' Den ; B. 718, "My God hath sent His angel." For Question on Missions, M. P. 172, "Corpus Christi" Procession in Montreal. (Slides may be obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, Weston, Ont., at \$2.00 a dozen.)

Stereograph—For Lesson, A Lion of Old Mesopotamia and Royal Huntsman in Chariot, About B.C. 870 (Underwood & Underwood, see page 433).

God of his fathers, and that God shuts the lions' mouths. Daniel's supreme skill in interpreting dreams and symbols is illustrated in the stories of chs. 2, 4, 5. And these stories, like the visions of chs. 7-12, are fitted to strengthen men to stand fast till the end. Be true to Jehovah ; your God cannot fail you.

Babylon was captured by the Persian army in B.C. 539, and Cyrus made his general Gobryas, commonly identified with Darius the Median (ch. 5 : 31), governor of the new