

Lesson V.

THE FINDING OF THE BOOK OF THE LAW July 30, 1911

2 Chronicles 34 : 14-21, 29-33. Commit to memory v. 21. Study 2 Chronicles 34 : 14-33. Read 2 Chronicles, chs. 34, 35.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.—Psalm 119 : 11.

14 And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found ¹a book of the law of the Lord given by Mo'ses.

15 And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.

16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and ²brought the king word ³back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do it.

17 And they have ⁴gathered together the money that was found in the house of the Lord, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and ⁵to the hand of the workmen.

18 ⁶Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath ⁷given me a book. And Shaphan read ⁸it before the king.

19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.

20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah ⁹a servant of the king's, saying,

21 Go ¹⁰enquire of the Lord for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found : for great is the

Revised Version—¹ the ; ² moreover ; ³ Omit back ; ⁴ therein ; ⁵ the king's servant ; ⁶ 19 ye ; ⁷ according in ; ⁸ Omit And.

LESSON PLAN

I. The Scriptures Found, 14-17.

II. The Scriptures Read, 18-21.

III. The Scriptures Obeyed, 29-33.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—The finding of the book of the law, 2 Chron. 34 : 14-22. T.—The finding of the book of the law, 2 Chron. 34 : 23-33. W.—God's law in the heart, Deut. 6 : 1-13. Th.—The king and the law, Deut. 17 : 14-20. F.—"Men, women and children", Deut. 31 : 9-13. S.—The way to success, Josh. 1 : 1-8. S.—Keeping God's law, Ps. 119 : 1-16.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 94-97.

The Question on Missions—5. Why should we have a mission to the Jews? (1) Because we owe so much to them. Our Saviour Himself was a Jew,

wrath of the Lord that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord, to do ¹¹after all that is written in this book.

29 Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

30 And the king went up ¹²into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, ¹³great and small : and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the Lord.

31 And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant ¹⁴which are written in this book.

32 And he caused all that were ¹⁵present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that *pertained* to the children of Israel, and made all that were ¹⁶present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve the Lord their God. ¹⁶ And all his days they departed not from following the Lord, the God of their fathers.

Revised Version—¹ emptied out the ; ² into ; ³ And Shaphan ; ⁴ delivered unto all ; ⁵ to ; ⁶ both ; ⁷ that were written ; ⁸ found

and so were the prophets and apostles. (2) Because they are so near at hand. (3) Because their prejudices against the Christian church are thereby being removed. (4) Because, unless they become Christians, they are in danger of becoming infidels.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 97 (Supplemental Lesson); 438 ; 450 ; 94 (Ps. Sel.); 118 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 452.

Special Scripture Reading—Ps. 119 : 9-16. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 1094, "I have found the book of the law"; B. 1096, Shaphan Reading the Book. For Question on Missions, J. M. 74, Proposed Building of Our Mission to the Jews in Toronto.

Stereograph—For Lesson, Samaritan High Priest and Pentateuch Roll—Supposed Writing of Abishua, Great-grandson of Aaron, Shechem (Underwood & Underwood, see page 317).

EXPOSITION

Time and Place—In Josiah's eighteenth year, that is, B.C. 621 ; Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—The Lesson follows closely on that for last Sabbath.

I. The Scriptures Found, 14-17.

Vs. 14, 15. *They brought out the money* (see v. 9, last Lesson) ; from its place of safe keeping in the temple. *Hilkiah the priest*. He was chief priest, and, under the king, master of the temple. *Found* ; perhaps in the place where the money had been kept. *Book of the law* (Rev. Ver.) ; a roll containing divine commands. (See Light from the East.) *Delivered the book to Shaphan* ; the king's scribe or secretary. Hilkiah thought

the book important enough to send to his royal master.

Vs. 16, 17. *Shaphan carried the book to the king* ; when he went to make his report on the work of repairing the temple. *All . . . committed to thy servants, they do it*. Shaphan reports on the work at the temple, and then incidentally introduces the matter of the roll. The "servants" would be Shaphan and his associates (see v. 8). *Emptied out the money* (Rev. Ver.) ; from the chest in which it had been kept. Apparently the chest was under royal rather than priestly control.

II. The Scriptures Read, 18-21.

Vs. 18, 19. *Hilkiah . . . hath delivered me a*