

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FIRST QUARTER.

B. C. 515.] LESSON VI. DEDICATING THE TEMPLE. [Feb. 5.]

GOLDEN TEXT. I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122. 1.

Authorized Version.

Ezra 6. 14-22. [Commit to memory verses 21, 22.]

14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Hag-gai the prophet and Zech-a-ri-ah the son of Id-do. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Is-ra-el, and according to the commandment of Cy-rus, and Da-ri-us, and Ar-tax-er-xes king of Per-sia.

15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month of A'dar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Da-ri-us the king.

16 And the children of Is-ra-el, the priests, and the Le-vites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy,

17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God a hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Is-ra-el, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Is-ra-el.

18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Le-vites in their courses, for the service of God, which ~~is~~ at Je-ru-sa-lem; as it is written in the book of Mo'ses.

19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month.

20 For the priests and the Le-vites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

21 And the children of Is-ra-el, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the Lord God of Is-ra-el, did eat,

22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the Lord had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of As-sy-ri-a unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Is-ra-el.

Revised Version.

14 And the elders of the Jews builded and prospered, through the prophesying of Hag-gai the prophet and Zech-a-ri-ah the son of Id-do. And they builded and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Is-ra-el, and according to the decree of Cy-rus, and Da-ri-us, and Ar-tax-er-xes king of Per-sia. And this house was finished on the third day of the month A'dar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Da-ri-us the king. And the children of Is-ra-el, the priests and the Le-vites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy. And they offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Is-ra-el, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the 15 tribes of Is-ra-el. And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Le-vites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Je-ru-sa-lem; as it is written in the book of Mo'ses.

19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first 20 month. For the priests and the Le-vites had purified themselves together; all of them were pure; and they killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their 21 brethren the priests, and for themselves. And the children of Is-ra-el, which were come again out of the captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the Lord, the 22 God of Is-ra-el, did eat, and kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the Lord had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of As-sy-ri-a unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Is-ra-el.

TIME.—B. C. 515. From four to six years after the delivery of the prophetic messages of Lessons III, IV, and V. **PLACE.**—Jerusalem. **RULERS.**—Darius Hystaspes, King of Persia; Zerubbabel, Pasha of Judah. **DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The worship of God. (Verse 14.)

HOME READINGS.

M. Dedicating the temple. Ezra 6. 14-22.

Tu. The decree of Darius. Ezra 6. 1-12.

W. The first temple dedicated. 2 Chron. 7. 1-11.

Th. The spiritual temple. Eph. 2. 13-22.

F. Self-dedication. Rom. 12. 1-9.

S. Joy in God's house. Psalm 84.

S. "Let us go." Psalm 122.

LESSON HYMNS

No. 12, New Canadian Hymnal.

Glory to God on high!

Let heaven and earth reply.