

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book.) LESSON III. [2 Sam. 7: 1-18 July 30, 1884.]

GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 13-16.

- 1. And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the Lord had given him rest round about from all his enemies; 2. That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. 3. And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the Lord is with thee. 4. And it came to pass that night, that the word of the Lord came unto Nathan, saying, 5. Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the Lord, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? 6. Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. 7. In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel whom I commanded to build me a house of cedar, saying, Thy build ye not me an house of cedar. 8. Now therefore so shall thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel. 9. And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that were in the earth. 10. Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more as beforetime. 11. And as soon as the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the Lord telleth thee that he will make thee an house. 12. And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thee after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13. He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. 14. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 15. But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. 16. And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Thy throne shall be established for ever."—2 Sam. 7: 16.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Gen. 12: 1-8 God's Covenant with Abraham. T. Gen. 28: 10-22 God's Covenant with Jacob. W. 2 Sam. 7: 1-16 God's Covenant with David. Th. 2 Sam. 7: 17-29 God's Covenant Love Praised. F. Ps. 72: 1-20 God's Covenant Goodness Foreseen. Sa. Acts 13: 16-37 God's Covenant Fulfilled in Christ. S. Ps. 41: 1-17 Christ and His Kingdom.

LESSON PLAN.

1. The Temple Proposed. 2. The Service Declined. 3. A Covenant Made.

LESSON NOTES.

I.—V. 1. SAT—dwell. IN HIS HOUSE—the house of cedar, ch 5: 11. V. 2. SEE NOW—the contrast his own substantial and elegant palace with the humble tent of the ark of God, thus expressing his pious purpose of building a fit temple for the Lord. V. 3. NATHAN SAID—not as a prophet, by divine direction, but as a wise and good man.

II.—V. 5. SHALL THOU BUILD—equivalent to "Thou shalt not build." (See 1 Chron. 17: 4.) V. 8. FROM THE SHEEP—note the lowliness of shepherd life. V. 9. WAS WITH THEE—thy guide, guard and strength. V. 10. WILL APPOINT A PLACE—giving them a firm, deep-rooted, national life. V. 11. HE WILL MAKE THEE AN HOUSE—the Lord will permanently establish the royal authority in thy family.

III.—V. 12. I WILL SET UP THY SEED—this promise was fulfilled first in Solomon, and finally in Christ. V. 13. HE SHALL BUILD—Solomon shall do what David was not permitted to do. V. 14. I WILL BE HIS FATHER—this implies love, protection and support. V. 15. BUT MY MERCY—see Ps. 89: 131-33. V. 16. SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FOR EVER—these promises point to Christ, and have their complete fulfillment in him.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

- 1. That we should acknowledge the Lord as the giver of every blessing. 2. That his mercies should inspire us with gratitude. 3. That we should be ready to contribute for the support of God's house and worship. 4. That God's promise to David respecting his son has its complete fulfillment in Christ. 5. That Christ shall reign as King over all, and his throne endure for ever.

A LARGE CATTLE RANCH in Colorado has been attacked and captured by Ute Indians. Two whites were badly wounded; five Indians were killed and a number wounded. Troops have been sent to drive the Indians back to their reservation.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, July 9, 1884.

With the prospect of more than an average wheat crop not only in America but in Europe also, the wheat markets of Great Britain have been somewhat in active as regards both "spot" and "futures," and as the supply promises to be much greater than the demand for next year, prices are already low, appear easy and a downward tendency appears to exist. The wheat crop of the United States is now estimated at 470,000, 000 to 500,000,000 bushels and that of the Canadian North-west alone at over 9,000,000 bushels, of which over 6,000,000 will be available for export.

Chicago wheat is quoted to-day about two to three cents per bushel lower than last week, No. 2 being 81c Aug, 80c Sept, and 84c Oct. Corn is also about 2c cents lower at 50c Aug, 50c Sept, and 53c Oct. The British markets, reported by cable, are to-day inactive and easier for cargoes of both corn and wheat in all positions and on spot.

There is a fair amount of through grain traffic by this port, but there is no business being done on the spot in wheat or in corn and the prices of these are nominal. A couple of cargoes, consisting of 10,000 and 9,000 bushels of white oats, have sold at 39c and 40c respectively. Pease are dull; no demand. Other coarse grains nominal. We quote as follows:—White Winter Wheat \$1.08 to \$1.15; Red do, \$1.14 to \$1.17; Canada Spring, \$1.14 to \$1.16; Peas, 9c per 66 lbs.; Oats, 40c per 33 lbs.; Barley, and Rye nominal.

FLOUR.—Although the prices of flour are relatively very much lower here than at any point west of this, there is no demand either from the local trade or for export, and business is confined almost to the hand-to-mouth needs of jobbers. Sales of Extra have been made at \$4.95 to \$5.00, and of choice brands at \$5.07, without inspection. Spring Extra have sold at \$4.30, and medium Bakers, at \$4.65. Values are lower than last week. We quote:—Patent \$5.75 to \$6.25; do. (Strong Bakers) \$6.25 to \$6.65; Superior Extra, \$5.40 to \$5.45; Extra Superfine, \$4.95 to \$5.00; Fancy, \$4.25 to \$4.30; Spring Extra \$4.20 to \$4.35; Superfine, \$3.25 to \$3.45; Strong Bakers' Can., \$5.00 to \$5.25; Strong Bakers' (American), \$5.25 to \$5.60; Fine, \$3.00 to \$3.20; Middlings, \$2.90 to \$3.00; Pollards, \$2.70 to \$2.80; Ontario bags, (included) Medium, \$2.25 to \$2.45; Spring Extra, \$2.15 to \$2.20; Superfine, \$1.65 to \$1.75; City Bags, (delivered) \$2.80.

MEALS.—There is absolutely nothing doing in the wholesale way, and prices are nominal. Oatmeal, ordinary, \$4.35 to \$4.75; granulated, \$4.80 to \$5.00. Cornmeal, nominal.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—The downward course of the butter market continues, in the absence of any demand, and in the face of a fairly large make. Western dairymen are urged to adopt the creamery system, by which alone the maximum of production is reached and the maximum of quality regularly with the best results as to demand and values. Lower prices are again quoted this week.—Creamery, 19c to 19c per lb; Eastern Townships, 15c to 16c; Western, 12c to 14c. Cheese does not yet seem to have touched bottom prices. The range this week is about 1/3 of a cent lower, being for good to choice, 7c to 8c.

Eggs are rather easier and only in fair demand, with a slow supply at 15c to 16c per doz., according to quality.

HOG PRODUCTS.—This market is demoralized owing to the fact that Chicago dealers have first sold wholesale men all they would take and then supplied their customers. Western Mess Pork, lower at \$19.00 to \$19.40; Canada Short Cut, \$21.50; Hams, city cured, 14c to 14c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, in pairs, western, 11c to 11c; do., Canadian, 10c to 10c; Tallow, refined, 6c to 7c as to quality.

ASHES are 5c to 10c lower at \$4.30 to \$4.45 as to tares. Pearls, nominal.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

The supply of butchers' grass-fed cattle continues in excess of the demand, and prices are still declining without any appearance of reaching bottom. Stall-fed cattle are not numerous, but are also lower in price, except for very choice large steers and heifers suitable for shipment to Britain,

which sell at from 6c to 6c per lb. The butchers seem unwilling to pay over 5c per lb. for choice small cattle, and most of the sales of fair to good butchers stock are made at from 4c to 5c per lb, while laudish animals sell at from 3c to 4c do. There is a fair supply of sheep and lambs, but with an active demand, prices are pretty well maintained for those in good condition. Sheep sell at from \$3.50 to \$7. each and lambs at \$2. to \$4.50 each. The prices of live hogs are tending downwards, being from 6c to 6c per lb., and in some cases even lower. The market for milk cows is very dull just now as the milkmen seem to have all the cows they want for the present.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The farmers have been coming to market in considerable numbers of late, and all kinds of produce are plentifully supplied. The potatoes, however, are chiefly brought from Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. The market gardeners keep their part of the market well stocked, and new potatoes of pretty good quality are getting common and sell at declining rates; green peas and beans grown in the vicinity of the city are getting more plentiful. The fruit market is well supplied with apples and tomatoes from the Southern States, while strawberries are still plentiful and cheap. Gooseberries, currants and blueberries are beginning to come to market. Poultry of all kinds have been rather scarce and higher priced of late. The supply of eggs is fair, but prices are well maintained; poor butter has almost become a drug on the market and prices are very low. The hay market is well supplied at former rates, and a few loads of new hay have been sold lately. Oats are \$1.00 to \$1.10 per bag; peas, \$1.05 to \$1.10 per bushel; potatoes, 80c to \$1.00 per bag. Tub butter, 13c to 15c per lb; eggs, 16c to 20c per dozen. Apples, \$5.00 to \$7.00 per barrel; hay \$5.50 to \$7.00 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs. Pressed hay, 55c to 65c per 100 lbs.

NEW YORK, July 8, 1884.

GRAIN.—Wheat fairly active, 95c July; 97c August; 99c Sept; Corn, less active; 5c July; 6c August; 6 1/2c September; and 6 1/2c Oct. Rye, slow, 70c to 70c. Oats more active, 30c July; 34c August and Oct. Barley nominal. Pease nominal.

FLOUR is in small demand and large supply, at weak prices. Low Extras, \$3.00 to \$3.50; Spring wheat extras low shipping to choice read \$3.15 to \$4.35; Winter wheat extra, inferior shipping to choice Family, \$3.15 to \$5.60. Family Extras, \$3.25 to \$3.60.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.35 to \$3.40 in brls; oatmeal, \$5.00 to \$5.90 per brl.

SEEDS, unchanged. Clover 10c to 10c; Timothy, \$1.50 to \$1.70; Flaxseed \$1.60 to \$1.70.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Cheese is less sought after and weaker, 7c to 8c; Butter in small demand at 15c to 22c.

Eggs, lower and slow of sale, 18c to 19c per dozen.

PROVISIONS.—Pork, Mess, old to new, \$15.50 to \$16.50; Beef, Extra, Mess, \$12.00; Lard \$7.70 to \$8.00.

THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

In spite of the enormous and increasing majorities by which the House of Commons has shown its approval of the Reform Bill, the Conservative majority in the House of Lords has voted, by 205 to 146, not to allow the bill to become law until it is accompanied by a scheme of redistribution of seats. Some Liberal members of the House of Commons want the Government to create a batch of new Liberal peers, to swamp the Conservative Opposition. The Daily News, one of the most influential journals in England declares that the House of Lords must go.

The Merchant Shipping Bill, introduced by the government to protect the lives of sailors, has been withdrawn for this session. It was very strongly opposed by ship owners.

The bill to legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister is to be again introduced into the House of Lords, immediately.

A REAL DISEASE.

No one who has watched a typical case of drink craving can deny for a moment that it is a disease. The subject of it is, perhaps, a man of honor and intelligence, or a woman of pure and modest feelings. At most times—at any rate in the earlier stages of the disease—the patient can act his part in life with credit to himself and with the respect of his fellow-men. He may even be a total abstainer from alcohol. But the paroxysm of the disease comes on, and everything is made to bow to its imperious necessities. The whole will is dominated and tyrannized by a single longing, which for a time becomes its sole motive power. Nothing is allowed to stand in the way of its gratification. Honor, modesty, virtue, the teachings of experience, and the precepts of morality must all yield to the new despot. The powers of the mind succumb as readily before it as do the powers of the body before the invasion of small-pox or cholera.—Medical Examiner.

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