

to God, who has all wisdom and knowledge and love.

REVIEW EXERCISE. (For the whole School in concert.)

17. Where did Paul go from Miletus? Ans. To Cesarea, on his way to Jerusalem. 18. Where did he stay at Cesarea? Ans. With Philip the evangelist. 19. What did certain prophets foretell of him? Ans. They warned him that he would suffer if he went to Jerusalem. 20. What was Paul's reply? (Repeat v. 13, beginning, For I am ready, etc.) 21. What did the disciples say? (Repeat the Golden Text.)

A.D. 53.] LESSON V. [Feb. 1 PAUL AT JERUSALEM.

Acts 21. 15-24. Council to men, vs. 17-19. GOLDEN TEXT.

And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord. Acts 21. 20.

CENTRAL TRUTH. We should rejoice in the progress of Christ's kingdom, though it be by other means and in other ways than our own.

DAILY READINGS. M. Acts 21. 15-20. Th. 1 Cor. 9. 1-27. T. Rom. 15. 13-33. F. Acts 15. 1-30. W. Acts 14. 10-28. Sa. Num. 6. 1-21. Su. Psalms 46. 1-11.

TIME. - Monday, May 15, to Friday, May 19, A.D. 58.

PLACE. - Jerusalem. The house or church of James, the house of Mnason; and the temple area.

RULERS. - Nero, emperor of Rome. Felix, governor of Judea. Agrippa II., king of Trachonitis, etc., east of the Sea of Galilee.

DIARY. - Wednesday, May 10, Paul reaches Cesarea. May 10-15, remains at Cesarea. Monday, May 15, leaves Cesarea for Jerusalem. Wednesday evening, May 17, Pentecost, reaches Jerusalem. Thursday, May 18, reports to James and the elders. Friday, May 19, attendance at the temple. Tuesday, May 23, mobbed in the temple area.

CIRCUMSTANCES. - After a brief visit of four or five days at the home of Philip, the evangelist, in Cesarea, Paul continues his journey to Jerusalem, and completes his third great missionary journey.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES. - 15. Carriages - Baggage, including the money contributed for the poor at Jerusalem. 16. Mission. An early disciple, one of the first, having his home in Jerusalem. 18. James - The brother of our Lord, pastor of the church at Jerusalem, and author of the Epistle of James. 20. Zealous of the law - The Jewish laws of circumcision, sacrifices, meats, festivals, etc. 21. Info-med th: thou teachest the Jews - He taught, as they had agreed (v. 25) these things to the Gentiles; and that they were not essential to salvation even to the Jews (Gal. 5. 6; 6. 15; 1 Cor. 7. 19; Rom. 2. 28, 29). 22. What is it? - What shall we do about it? 23. We have four men - Christians of Jerusalem. Which have a vow - The Nazarites' vow (v. 24; Num. 6. 1-21). Purify thyself with them - Join with them in the closing rites and offerings. Be at charges with them - Rather for them; pay all their expenses, temple fees, and cost of sacrifices. For each of the five the sacrifice would be two lambs, a ram, unleavened bread, cakes of flour and oil, and wine. It would be no small expense. 25. As touching the Gentiles - See Acts 15. 1-30. He need not retract any of his teachings.

SUBJECTS FOR SPECIAL REPORTS. - The journey from Cesarea to Jerusalem. - Paul's diary for several days. - James. - Elders. - What God had wrought by Paul among the Gentiles. - The difference between the Gentile and the Jewish Christians. - The Nazarites' vow. - The policy of Paul's course.

QUESTIONS. INTRODUCTORY. - To what city was Paul on a journey? How long since he had been in Jerusalem? (Acts 18. 21, 22. The feast was probably Tabernacles, September 16, A.D. 53.) Note the events of each day from the time Paul came to Cesarea till the end of this lesson. Where did Paul stay at Cesarea? Describe the parting scene.

SUBJECT: THE REVEREND MISSIONARY.

I. HIS RETURN (vs. 15-17). - How long had Paul been absent on his third missionary journey? How far had he come on his way home? How far is Cesarea from Jerusalem? What time is meant by "those days" in v. 15? What were the "carriages" mentioned? Of what doubtless did a part of this baggage consist? (Acts 21. 17.) Who accompanied them from Cesarea? When did they arrive at Jerusalem? With what did they lodge there?

II. HIS GREETING (vs. 17-19). - How was Paul received on the first evening? By whom? When did he meet the next day? Which James was this? How was he greeted here? (Rom. 16. 16.)

III. HIS REPORT (vs. 19, 20). - What did Paul report to this assembly? How many great missionary journeys had he made since he met the Jerusalem Church in the great Conference? (Acts 15.) Name some of the leading events in his second missionary journey? (Acts 16. 1; 18. 22.) Did he visit Jerusalem at the close of his journey? (Acts 18. 21, 22.) What had God done through him on his third journey? (Acts 18. 23; 21. 8.) To whom did Paul ascribe these works? Why? How did the assembly receive the report? What is it to glorify God?

IV. SLANDERS AGAINST HIM (vs. 20-22). - What is said of the number of Jewish converts? Of what law were they zealous? What had been told them against Paul? Was it true? What foundation was there for this slander? (Gal. 6. 1 Cor. 7. 19; Rom. 2. 28, 29.) Are the worst lies those that have a mixture of truth?

V. THE SLANDERS REFUTED (vs. 23-26). - What did the assembly advise Paul to do? What vow is referred to? (Num. 6. 1-5.) Would the charges be heavy? (Num. 6. 13-17.) How would this course refute the slander? Was it consistent with Paul's teachings? How did they show this? (v. 25.) Had he done anything like it before? (Acts 18. 18.) Was this plan successful?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

- 1. Earnest workers will find many to greet as well as to oppose them. 2. The progress of the Gospel is the work of God through men. 3. There will arise differences of opinion among the best of people. 4. Each one should try and understand the others. 5. Each one should do all he can for the general peace, and the correction of mis understandings. 6. But we should never yield a great principle for the sake of peace.

REVIEW EXERCISE. (For the whole School in concert.)

- 1. How was Paul received on his arrival at Jerusalem? Ans. The brethren received him gladly. 2. What did he report? Ans. The things which God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry. 3. How was this report received? Ans. (Repeat the Golden Text.) 4. What slander was reported about Paul? Ans. That he had taught the Jews to abjure their religion. 5. How was he advised to refute the slander? Ans. By joining in some Jewish ceremonies.

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