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REBUILDING THE TEMPLE.

International Sunday School Lesson for September 3, 1909—Text, Ezra 3:10-13—Memory Verses, 10, 11.

[Specially Arranged from Peloubet's Notes.] GOLDEN TEXT.—The temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.—1 Cor. 3:17.

READ Chapters 3 and 4.

LIGHT FROM OTHER SCRIPTURES.—The Temple of Solomon.—1 Kings, Chaps. 6, 7, 8. The Temple Repaired.—2 Kings 22.

The Spiritual Temple.—1 Cor. 3:16, 17; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 2:21; 2 Thes. 2:14; Rev. 3:12.

PSALMS 87, 106, 107, 115, 118 and 126, according to Geikie, were composed for this occasion.

TIME.—Journey of return, spring, B. C. 536; temple planned, altar set up, October, 536; foundations of temple begun, May, 535; building ceased, 15 years; work on temple renewed, 520; temple completed, 516.

PLACE.—Jerusalem.

RULERS.—Cyrus, king of Babylon and the east (Ezra 1:1-4); Darius Hystaspes (522-485), at completion of temple; Tarquin the Proud, king of Rome.

PROPHETS.—Daniel, an old man, at time of return (Dan. 10:3), in Babylon. Haggai and Zechariah were both living in Jerusalem, but did not begin to prophesy till 520.

EXPLANATORY.—Introductory.—If the 40,000 returning exiles left Babylon in March (B. C. 536), they could not well reach Jerusalem, after a journey of 500 to 700 miles, before some time in July. It took Ezra four months to make the journey (Ezra 7:9). They found the city in ruins, as it had lain for 50 years since its complete destruction by Nebuchadnezzar. "The list of towns," says Geikie, "named by Ezra and Nehemiah (Ezra 2:23, 28, 34; Neh. 7:25-26) as the first homes of their brethren includes only Bethlehem on the south, while on the north their territory did not extend beyond the narrow limits of Benjamin." In October, two or three months after their arrival, they proceeded to renew the worship of God by rebuilding the altar on its old foundation.

I. The Foundations of the Temple Laid.—Vs. 10-13. Vs. 10. "The builders, I e., Joshua and Zerubbabel, who were at the head of affairs. (See Ezra 3:2.) "Priests in their apparel." The elegant and beautiful official robes used by the priests in their celebrations, especially the blue and scarlet purple robes, with gold and gems. (See Ex. 28:15, 29:27, etc.) "With trumpets." Not for music; but, like our church bells, for summoning assemblies and joyful announcements. "The sons of Asaph." One of the great choir leaders of David's time. These were his descendants or their successors in this choir, as those in training in the schools of the prophets were called sons of the prophets. "Cymbals." These were musical instruments very much like those which are in use among us under the same name. "After the ordinance (order) of David." (See 1 Chron. 15:16, 21.) David first organized choirs and music for the temple services. Vs. 11. Sang together by course, B. V., one to another, responsively. (Compare Ex. 15:20, 21.)—Cambridge Bible. "He is good," etc.: These words first appear as the doxology at the close of the psalm written by David, and sung at the bringing of the ark to Jerusalem (1 Chron. 16:34). They are found substantially in Psa. 106, 107, 118. Vs. 12. "Ancient men, that had seen the first house," which was destroyed B. C. 586, 51 years before.

II. Opposition and Delay.—Vs. 14-15. I. "The adversaries of Judah." The mixed race of the Samaritans. Those opposed in race, in religion, and in purpose. They did not call themselves adversaries, but were so in reality. V. 2. "Let us build with you." Let us join in your work, and hence in the use and direction of the temple. "For we seek your God . . . and we do sacrifice unto Him." But they did it in a very different way, partially in connection with other things which would destroy the perfection and power of the Jewish worship. V. 4. "Weakened the hands." The refusal of the Jews to unite with the Samaritans made them bitter enemies, and they did everything in their power to stop the progress of the temple building. (1) As in Nehemiah's time (Neh. 4:1-12), by sneers, slanders, and threatening attacks. (2) By writing slanderous letters to the government and hiring (V. 5) "counselors against them," probably in Babylon. This continued "all the days of Cyrus," who died in 529, "until the reign of Darius," who began to reign B. C. 522, and it took two years more to get the desired permission so that for about 15 years nothing was done on the temple.

III. The Temple Completed.—Early in the reign of Darius Hystaspes the Jews obtained permission to build the temple. The prophets Haggai and Zechariah urged the people forward. The new movement began B. C. 520, and in four years, just 70 years after the destruction of Solomon's temple, 586, the new temple was completed and dedicated, B. C. 516.

TYPE OF SPIRITUAL TEMPLE.

The temple was the symbol and type of God's spiritual temple, both the individual Christian and the whole people of God (1 Cor. 3:10-16). (1) Rich and costly preparations have been made by others. We are heirs of all the ages. (2) The foundation is Jesus Christ. (3) He has prophets with messages from God to aid and encourage in the building—the Bible, the Holy Spirit, with teachers, pastors and friends to bring the message. (4) The true Christian character when complete is beautiful and costly. His soul is the Holy of Holies in which God dwells and manifests Himself.

Ram's Horn Blasts.

He guards well his wealth who ungrudgingly uses it for the weal of the world.

No man ever gave of his best without thereby losing some of his worst.

Cursed are the impure in heart, for they can only see the evil.

The value of repentance is not in the depths of its feelings, but in the permanency of its fruits.

The power of our talent may be hindered by the discourtesy of our manners. Grace should make us graceful in word and act.

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TREES SUGGEST SKEETERS.

The Loquacious and Veracious Conductor from New Jersey Has His Full Say.

'Tis not often that one runs across a loquacious street car conductor. Usually they are just about as talkative as graven images. But there was a new man on the Indiana avenue line and he was hungry for a talk. Along about Forty-Seventh street a man took a standing seat on the back platform and the conductor fastened on him instantly, says the Chicago Inter Ocean.

"That's a fine grove of trees," he remarked, pointing to a row of maples, "but whenever I see trees I say to myself 'skepters.' Yes, sir; that's the very first thing I say to myself—'skepters.' I hate skepters. I can't abide 'em. Consequently I don't like trees. No, sir; I'm a treeless, plain man, I am—a boundless prairie feller. Why, sir, I had a good job an' as nice a little home as you ever see down east an' I wuz fixed for life right there. But it was down in Jersey. An' the skepters bit me till I didn't know my own name; would have answered to the name of Smith or Jones just as well. Well, sir, I throwed up my job an' sold my home and I started for New York. But, Lord love you, sir, I got into trouble quick. They stopped me fore I could get into New York. They said I had the small-pox, I wuz bit up so frightful. But I finally got west an' here I am. An' whenever I sees trees I thinks skepters. Why, sir, down in Jersey, many's the time, I've seen them skepters flyin' about smokin' clay pipes; yes, sir, smokin' clay pipes—to keep the other skepters off 'em. Once I—"

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FINGERING HELPED STATUES.

Curious Discovery Made in Berlin Museums Abolishes the "Hands Off" Sign.

Until a short time ago, says the New York Times, the bronze statues in some of the Berlin museums was most carefully labeled: "Hands off," just as it is in many American museums. What happened in Berlin, however, may cause the curators of some of our museums to take down their signs. It was observed in Berlin that those parts of the bronze statues which were surreptitiously handled by the public retained a good surface. This led to the conclusion that fat had something to do with it. An experiment was therefore tried for some years with four bronzes. One was coated every day with oil and wiped with cloth; another was washed every day with water; the third was similarly washed, but was oiled twice a year; and the fourth was left untouched, just as our bronzes remain isolated behind the notices, "Hands off." The first looked beautiful; the third, which had been oiled twice a year, was passable; the second looked dead; and the fourth was dull and black. It is probably a fact not generally known that the ancient Greeks polished their statues by constant hand rubbing. Perhaps the curators above mentioned, who have charge of statues and other adornments, will profit by the experiment here described.

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