

The Sabbath School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Second Quarter Lesson 11. June 16 1901

JESUS APPEARS TO JOHN.—Revelation 1: 9-20

GOLDEN TEXT.—Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.—Heb. 13: 8.

THE REVELATION.

WHO? The almost unanimous opinion of antiquity assigns this book to St. John, the Beloved Disciple.

WHERE? The Revelation was written on Patmos, or at Ephesus after John's return from exile. Patmos is one of the Sporades, twenty-four miles from the coast of Asia Minor.

WHEN? The ancient tradition declared that John was banished during the reign of Domitian (A. D. 81-96).

HOW? The Revelation is a marvelously written volume. It is written throughout in the language of symbolism.

THE REVELATION consists of (1) an introduction, (2) the epistles to the seven churches, and (3) a series of visions, the chief of them being those of the seven seals, the seven trumpets, and the seven bowls.

WHY? The Revelation was doubtless written to console and strengthen the persecuted Christians of John's day with assurance that Christ was alive, and that his cause would ultimately triumph.

THE SNEER.—Vs. 9, 10. I John, your brother and companion in tribulation, &c. It was the tribulation that made them brothers.

THE VOICE.—Vs. 10, 11. And heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet. God can speak in a "still, small voice," or in a great one.

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where so much of his divine majesty is disclosed. Clothed with a garment down to the foot. John remembered the toil-worn garment of the carpenter, the travel stained garment of the preacher, the bloody garment of Pilate's judgment hall, the garment for which lots were cast at the cross.

Beauty of all kinds will be in the next world. His head and his hairs were white like wool, white as the snow. Symbolic of purity.

Yes, I am so hungry, was the low, eager answer. Well, here is ten cents that papa gave me to spend for myself—but I will give it to you—you look so cold and hungry; and the bright little coin immediately changed hands.

Do you know the little girl that you have just helped? I asked, as I followed slowly after the well-dressed little stranger.

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A GENEROUS GIRL. BY MRS. M. A. HOLT. One chilly day in April, while walking along the busy street of a large town, I noticed a plainly dressed little girl, walking about in an aimless way, looking wistfully at everybody, and yet not daring to

speak to any one. I judged this by the manner in which she shrank away from those that went n-ear her, or dropped her head if others chanced to look at her.

THE ONE ADDRESSED looked quickly up to see if the words were real, or a joke. It did not take her long to decide, for these friendless little ones are generally quick to read human faces and tell the false from the true.

THE HUNGRY CHILD, with an exclamation of joy, sprang towards the door of the bakery, while the sweet little girl that had acted the part of the good Samaritan smiled and went on.

I WENT BACK to watch for the hungry little girl as she came out of the bakery, for I was connected with a society that looked after the poor of this large town.

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buried, was better packed, and free from stone and grass. This charcoal was looked upon as a special brand, and brought a special price.

THE NEW-COMER also understood the meaning of the wistful look of the little pale-faced child, and acted a little more quickly than I had done.

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