

Taking instead, as I ought to have done, Archbishop Ussher's date for the twentieth of Artaxerxes, A.M. 3550 or B.C. 454, then deducting four years (according to Alford, Farrar, etc.) for the truer date of the Nativity, and adding thirty-three years for the earthly life of our Lord, we have exactly 483 years, or the required  $7 + 62$  weeks, to Messiah the Prince and His 'cutting off' a few days after His public entry as King into Jerusalem. Wherever the date 'B.C. 444' occurs in my article as my date for the twentieth year of Artaxerxes, my readers are requested to read 'B.C. 454' instead."

## Notes on Bible Words.

### NO. XV.—"HAPPY."

THE word "Blessed" in the Sermon on the Mount is μακάριοι. Vulg. *beati*. Jeremy Taylor says:

Our excellent and gracious Lawgiver, knowing that the great argument in all practical disciplines is the proposal of the end, which is their crown and reward, begins His sermon, as David began his most divine collection of hymns, with "blessedness." And having enumerated eight duties . . . He begins every duty with a beatitude, and concludes it with a reward; to manifest the reasonableness, and to invite and determine our choice to such graces which are circumscribed with felicities. . . .

In Ps. i. 1, μακάριος (beatus<sup>1</sup>; heureux;) "Blessed is the man," R.V. marg., "happy."

יָשָׁר, says Gesenius, is upright, or straight on; to be successful, to be fortunate; *happy*: to be congratulated. See Gen. xxx. 13, Asher. "Happy am I; for the daughters will call me happy."

The same word, μακ., in St. John xiii. 17, is rendered *happy*: "Happy are ye if ye do them!" R.V. "blessed."

For μακάριος, also, see 1 Tim. i. 11; "the gospel of the glory of the blessed God." Tit. ii. 13, "that blessed hope." 1 Pet. iii. 14, "but and if ye suffer for righteousness sake, happy are ye"; iv. 14.

Prov. iii. 13, "Happy is the man," literally "*blessings of the man*."

In 1 Cor. vii. 40, R.V., as well as A.V., has "she is happier."

In Acts xxvi. 2, "I think myself happy," is ἡγημαι ἑμαυτὸν μακάριον; but in St. James v. 11, "we count them happy" (R.V., *blessed*) is μακαρίζομεν: Vulg., *beatificamus*.<sup>1</sup> This verb—to pronounce blessed (Luke i. 48)—is the Sept. for יָשָׁר.

In Rom. iv. 9, declaration of blessedness is μακαρισμός: Gal. iv. 15.

The New Testament use of this word, μακάριος, throws light upon Christian *happiness*, and will help to understand such songs of trust<sup>2</sup> as that which closes thus:

There are briars besetting every path  
That call for patient care;  
There is a cross in every lot,  
And an earnest need for prayer.  
But a lowly heart that leans on Thee  
Is happy anywhere.

<sup>1</sup> For *beatus*, the student may compare Hor. Od. iv. 9, *recte beatum*, and Ep. ii., *beatus ille*, "Happy the man . . ."

<sup>2</sup> Prov. xvi. 20, "Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he."