MOSES CALLED TO DELIVER ISRAEL Lesson III.

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BETWEEN THE LESSONS-There is no break between Lesson II. and Lesson III.

GOLDEN TEXT- Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God.-Matthew 5 : 8.

Memorize vs. 13, 14. THE LESSON PASSAGE—Exodus 3:1-14. Study Exodus 3:1 to 4:20. Read Exodus, chs. 3, 4.

1 Now Mo'ses 1 kept the flock of Jeth'ro his father in law, the priest of Mid'ian : and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of

Odd, even to Horeb.

2 And the angel of the Lord appear d unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Mo'ses said, I will now turn aside, and see this

great sight, why the bush is not burnt. 4 And when the Lerd saw that he turned aside to see,
God called unto him out of the midst of the bush,
and said, Mo'ses, Mo'ses. And he said, Here am I.
5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy

shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou

standest is holy ground.

• 6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of A'braham, the God of I'ssae, and the God of Ja'cob. And Mo'ese hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in E'gypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their SOTTOWS

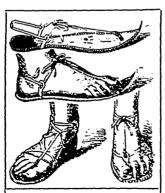
8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyp'tians, and to bring them up out of

Revised Version- was keeping; * back of the wilderness; * unto Horeb; * Cansanite (and so on); * And now, behold; "moreover I have seen; 7 the.

Daily Readings-(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association, Mr. S. C. Bailey, Secretary, 26 Old Bailey, London, England.)-M.-Moses called to deliver Israel, Ex. 3: 1-14. T.-Moses instructed, Ex. 3: 15-22. W.-Moses encouraged, Ex. 4: 1-9. Th.—An ungracious excuse, Ex. 4: 10-17. F.—The master's encouragement. Matt. 10:24-31. S .- The call of Isaiah, Isa. 6:1-8. S .- The call of Jeremiah, Jer. 1:7-19.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. THE CALL.-1, 2. Moses kept the flock. For forty years Moses had been a shepherd. Of also called Reucl, ch 2:18. To..the Jethro; desert : in and from the coast of the Gulf of Akaba, where the Midianites dwelt, to the higher country. where there was moisture and therefore grass. The shepherds of to-day do the same thing when summer comes on. Mountain of God; a sacred mountain. Horeb; also named Sinai (See Geography Lesson.) Angel of the Lord : the Lord Himself in human form.



SANDALS: Showing the "Latchets"

Flame of fire ; an emblem of God. who purifies the good and consumes the evil. Bush ; some kind of thorny shrub, perhaps the acacia, sometimes 15 or 20 feet high, with a trunk 2 feet thick. Not consumed: nor would Israel, though now in a very furnece of affliction, be that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hit'tites, and the Am'orites. and the Periz'zites, and the Hi'vites, and the Jeb'usites. 9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Is'rael is come unto me: and I have also seen the

oppression wherewith the Egyp'tians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Phar soh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Is'rael out of E'gypt. 11 And Mo'ses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Phar'soh, and that I should bring forth the children of Is'rael out of E'gypt? 12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and

12 And ne said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be 'a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of E'gypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Mo'ses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Is'rael, and shall say unto them. The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

say unto them?

14 And God said unto Mo'ses, I AM THAT I AM:
and he said. Thus shalt thou say unto the children of
Is'rael, I AM hath sent me unto you.

destroyed by the sufferings they had to endure.

3-6. Turn aside, and see. God's world is full of wonders for the eyes that can see. God called. It was no freak of nature, then, which Moses had seen. but a revelation of God. Moses, Moses; lest he should approach without due reverence. Put off thy shoes; still in the East a customary mark of respect on entering a mosque cr other holy place. Holy ground. Sacred because of God's presence. God of thy father; and also thy forefathers, Abraham ... Isaac . . Jacob ; their friend and guide and helper, the One whom they worshiped,-should not Moses also trust and serve Him? Afraid; filled with trembling

II. THE COMMISSION. - 7-10. Seen the affliction. Israel's sufferings had touched God's heart Taskmasters; literally "bard pressers" or "drivers." the Egyptian superintendents of the Hebrew labor gangs (see ch. 1:11). To deliver them. The time for delay had passed, and God's hour for saving His people had struck. Land flowing with milk (an important article of food in the East) and honey (not only bee honey, but also dibs, a very sweet syrup made by boiling down grape juice much used in Palestine); a common expression for great fertility. Canaanite (Rev. Ver.), etc.; tribes then inhabiting Palestine. I will send thee; a poor shepherd against the mighty Pharnoh; but God's sending included being filled with God's power.

III. THE CONFIDENCE.—11, 12. Who am I ..? One whose life had been threstened by Pharaoh (ch.