

Lesson I.

MOSES' CRY FOR HELP

October 5, 1913

Numbers 11 : 10-18, 24, 25. Study Numbers 11 : 4-33. Read Numbers, chs. 9-11. Commit to memory vs. 14, 15.

GOLDEN TEXT—The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working.—James 5 : 16 (Rev. Ver.).

10¹ Then Mo'ses heard the people ² weep throughout their families, every man ³ in the door of his tent : and the anger of the Lord was kindled greatly : ⁴ Mo'ses also was displeased.

11 And Mo'ses said unto the Lord, Wherefore hast thou ⁵ afflicted thy servant ? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me ?

12 Have I conceived all this people ? have I ⁶ begotten them, that thou shouldst say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom as a nursing father ⁷ beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers ?

13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people ? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me.

15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight ; and let me not see my wretchedness.

16 And the Lord said unto Mo'ses, Gather unto me

Revised Version—¹ And Moses ; ² weeping ; ³ at ; ⁴ and Moses was ; ⁵ evil entreated ; ⁶ brought them forth ; ⁷ carrieth ; ⁸ tent of meeting ; ⁹ he gathered seventy ; ¹⁰ Tent ; ¹¹ the ; ¹² put it upon ; ¹³ but they did so no more.

LESSON PLAN

- I. Helpers Needed, 10-15.
- II. Helpers Appointed, 16-18.
- III. Helpers Qualified, 24, 25.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—Despising God's provision, Num. 11 : 1-9. T.—Moses' cry for help, Num. 11 : 10-25. W.—God's displeasure, Num. 11 : 26-35. Th.—Dejection and restoration, 1 Kgs. 19 : 1-8. F.—Jonah's request refused, Jonah 4. S.—Christ's bountiful provision, John 6 : 5-13. S.—"Take heed," 1 Cor. 10 : 1-12.

Shorter Catechism—*Ques. 73. Which is the eighth commandment ?* A. The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal.

The Question on Missions—(Fourth Quarter, KOREA THE CHO SEN LAND).—1. When did our church begin work in Korea ? After the death of our pioneer, Rev. W. J. McKenzie, who labored on the west coast, three missionaries were appointed in 1898, and our present field was assigned to them.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 129 (Supplemental Lesson), 263, 260, 22 (Ps. Sel.), 404 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 246.

seventy men of the elders of Is'rael, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them ; and bring them unto the ⁸ tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.

17 And I will come down and talk with thee there : and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them ; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

18 And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow, and ye shall eat flesh : for ye have wept in the ears of the Lord, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat ? for it was well with us in E'gypt : therefore the Lord will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

24 And Mo'ses went out, and told the people the words of the Lord, and ⁹ gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the ¹⁰ tabernacle.

25 And the Lord came down in ¹¹ a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and ¹² gave it unto the seventy elders : and it came to pass, that, when the spi it rested upon them, they prophesied, ¹³ and did not cease.

Special Scripture Reading—John 17 : 1-11. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.) It is expected that each scholar will have his or her Bible, and so be prepared to take part in this reading, which may form part of the opening exercises of the School.

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 1428, Gather Unto Me Seventy Men. For Question on Missions, K. 22, Map of Korea Showing Mission Stations. (These Slides are obtained from Rev. F. A. Robinson, B.A., the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 447 Confederation Life Building, Toronto, at \$2.00 a dozen. The Slides catalogued by Mr. F. W. Moffat, Weston, Ont., may be ordered under the original numbers. To these several thousand Slides have been added. Schools desiring Slides made may procure them on short notice by sending negatives, prints or photographs. Slides are colored to order.)

Stereograph—For Lesson, A Powerful Bedouin Sheikh and His Warriors in Old Moab (Underwood & Underwood, Dept. D., 62 Adelaide St. East, Toronto), set of 10 stereographs for this Quarter's Lessons, \$1.67. Four for October, 67c. ; less than four in one order, 20c. each ; stereoscopes, 85c. (postage or express is prepaid on all orders for stereographs or stereoscopes). In ordering please mention THE TEACHERS MONTHLY.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

By Rev. J. M. Duncan, D.D.

Time and Place—About B.C. 1220 ; not far from Mount Sinai.

Connecting Links—The book of Numbers takes its name from the two numberings of the people in chs. 1 and 26. Ch. 10 : 11-13 marks the beginning of the Israelites' march from Sinai, where they had been for nearly a year. Soon the people began to complain of the hardships of the march, and, as a punishment, fire was sent from the Lord, vs. 1-3.

Vs. 4-9 tell how the people became tired of the manna and longed for the plenty of Egypt.

I. Helpers Needed, 10-15.

Vs. 10-12. *Moses heard* ; the complaints about the manna, which had come to have a somewhat cloying taste (v. 8) and the clamor for the dainties of Egypt, v. 5. *Weeping* (Rev. Ver.). In true Oriental fashion, a tempest of tears and cries come upon the camp. *Families*. The ancient Hebrew family included more than with us ; sons-in-law and daughters-in-law were reckoned in its numbers. *Door of his tent* ; that is, the weeping was public and unceasing. The tent door was the place where