

Lesson IX.

ISRAEL AT MOUNT SINAI

August 31, 1913

Exodus 19 : 1-6, 16-21. Study Exodus 19 ; Hebrews 12 : 18-24—Memory Verses, 5, 6.

Golden Text—Let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe.—Hebrews 12 : 28.

1 In the third month, when the children of Is'rael were gone forth out of the land of E'gypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Si'nai.

2 For they were departed from Reph'idim, and were come to the desert of Si'nai, and had pitched in the wilderness ; and there Is'rael camped before the mount.

3 And Mo'ses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Ja'cob, and tell the children of Is'rael ;

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyp'tians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people : for all the earth is mine :

6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Is'rael.

16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, so that all the people that was in the camp

and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud ; trembled.

17 And Mo'ses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God ; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

18 And mount Si'nai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire : and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Mo'ses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

20 And the Lord came down upon mount Si'nai, on the top of the mount : and the Lord called Mo'ses up to the top of the mount ; and Mo'ses went up.

21 And the Lord said unto Mo'ses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Three months after the children of Israel had left Egypt, they came to a high mountain called Sinai. God called Moses to come up the mountain, and there told him to say to the Israelites, that they had seen how He had punished the Egyptians for their sakes and afterwards brought them safely out of the land. And now, the Lord said if they would obey His commandments, He would do more for them than for any other people. And He commanded Moses to tell them to wash their clothes and make themselves clean and be very careful not to sin, for on the third day He was coming down before them all on Mount Sinai.

On that day, God said, none of them might go up on the mountain, for whoever should go there would surely be put to death. But when they should hear the great sound of a trumpet far up on the mountain, they should come to stand at the foot of it.

So Moses brought the message of the Lord down to the people, and they prepared themselves for His coming. On the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain, and a trumpet sounded so loudly that all the people trembled.

And Moses led the children of Israel out of the camp and up to the foot of the moun-