

Lesson XII.

THE PASSAGE OF THE RED SEA

December 22, 1901

Exodus 14: 13-27. Only vs. 19-27 printed, as recommended by the International Lesson Committee. Commit to memory vs. 13-16. Read Exodus 13: 17 to 15: 21.

19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them: and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel: and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

21 And Mo'ses stretched out his hand over the sea: and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them, to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses,

Revised Version—1 Omit the; 2 Removed from before them; 3 Egypt; 4 There was the cloud and the darkness, yet gave it light by night; and the one; 5 The; 6 Into; 7 Omit even; 8 Omit that; 9 That the Lord looked forth upon; 10 Omit the; 11 Discomfited; 12 He;

GOLDEN TEXT

Exod. 15: 1. I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously.

DAILY READINGS

M. —Exodus 14: 1-12. Pursued by Pharaoh. *
T. —Exodus 14: 13-22. Passage of the Red Sea.
W. —Exodus 14: 23-31. }
Th. —Exodus 15: 1-10. Song of deliverance.
F. —Exodus 15: 11-21. The mighty arm.
S. —Psalm 77: 11-20. An Almighty Leader.
S. —Psalm 106: 1-12. Saved.

CATECHISM

Q. 107. What doth the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A. The conclusion of the Lord's prayer (which is, *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen*) teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise

horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians.

25 And he took off their chariot wheels, that they drove them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel: for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

26 And the Lord said unto Mo'ses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Mo'ses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it: and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him. And, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, *Amen*.

TIME AND PLACE

Immediately following on previous lesson. End of March or beginning of April, B.C. 1491. Some date the Exodus and the events connected with it about 200 years later. Place: Goshen, and then across the northern end of the Red Sea.

LESSON PLAN

I. God Announces His Plan of Deliverance, 13-18.

Through His servant Moses.

II. His People Are Saved, 19-22.

By the dividing of the sea.

III. His Enemies are Destroyed, 23-27.

Through the waters returning to their place.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 97 (Ps. Sel.); 25; 506; 514.

Some Christmas Hymns, 30; 34; 29; 32.

EXPOSITION

I. God Announces His Plan of Deliverance, 13-18.

Vs. 13, 14. Moses met the unbelief and fear of the people by energetic faith, for he recognized the present situation as a part of the plan of God. (v. 4.) He who had led His people out of Egypt by a mighty hand would not desert them now. Their enemies would be destroyed before their eyes.

Vs. 15-18. *Wherefore criest thou to me?* Moses would seem to have turned to God in prayer, feeling the need of it to support his own faith and courage. The people were to go forward; God will open up the way for them (v. 16) and will destroy their pursuers. (For the details, see under verses following.)

II. His People Are Saved, 19-22.

V. 19. *The angel of God*; the divine Person who is before (ch. 2: 4) called "The Lord," Jehovah the Eternal Son of God. Which went before the camp of Israel. God Himself led Israel out of Egypt. (Ps. 78: 14.) *Re-*

Connecting Links—On the night of the Passover God smote the firstborn in Egypt, as He had said; and in terror Pharaoh sent the children of Israel out of the land in haste (ch. 13). From various parts of Goshen, they came together at Succoth the place of meeting (v. 37). When the first-born were sanctified (ch. 14: 2, 11, 12), they moved toward the edge of the wilderness, led by the pillar of fire and cloud (vs. 20-22). Instead of going by a straight course to the Land of Promise, God led them by a long and circuitous route southward to Baal-zephon opposite the northern arm of the Red Sea (ch. 14: 2). This may have occupied nearly a week from the time of starting. Meanwhile, the Egyptians had so far recovered from the shock of the death of the firstborn as to pursue the Israelites fiercely (vs. 5-9). The latter, terror-stricken, complained bitterly against Moses, their leader and deliverer (vs. 10-12).