

Lesson V.

THE PLAGUES OF EGYPT

August 3, 1913

Psalm 105 : 23-36. Read Exodus, chs. 7-11. *Commit to memory vs. 26, 27.

GOLDEN TEXT—Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled; and whosoever shall humble himself shall be exalted.—Matthew 23 : 12 (Rev. Ver.).

23 Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourning in the land of Ham.

24 And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.

29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

Revised Version—¹adversaries; ²set among them his signs; ³words; ⁴swarmed with frogs; ⁵swarms of flies; ⁶borders; ⁷locust; ⁸the cankerworm; ⁹every herb; ¹⁰did eat up.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Persecution, 23-25.
- II. The Plagues, 26-36.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—The plagues of Egypt, Ps. 105 : 23-36. T.—Aaron's rod, Ex. 7 : 1-13. W.—Pharaoh's deceit, Ex. 8 : 25-32. Th.—The hail, Ex. 9 : 23-35. F.—The darkness, Ex. 10 : 21-29. S.—The last plague, Ex. 11. S.—God watcheth over Israel, Acts 7 : 30-37.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 64. What is required in the fifth commandment? A. The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honour, and performing the duties, belonging to everyone in the several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

The Question on Missions—5. Amongst whom is mission work in Western Canada carried on? Amongst English speaking settlers from Eastern Canada, the British Isles and the United States, and foreigners from nearly every country in Europe. These include farmers of the prairie provinces, fruit growers, miners, loggers and fishermen of British Columbia and the rapidly increasing populations of cities and towns.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : 252 (Supplemental Lesson), 133, 148, 69 (Ps. Sel.), 172 (from Primary Quarterly), 560.

30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.

31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.

32 He gave them hail for rain, and flaming fire in their land.

33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their coasts.

34 He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillars, and that without number.

35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength.

Special Scripture Reading—Ps. 46. (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. 844, Moses and Aaron Before Pharaoh; B. 988, The Seventh Plague. For Question on Missions, H. M. 848, Ruthenians (Presbyterian) Worshipping in Field; H. M. 61, A Sunday School of Many Nations; H. M. 849, Open-air Service, Coal-mining Town; Lecture sets on Home Missions, Mining, and Evangelism Among the Ruthenians. (These Slides are obtained from Rev. F. A. Robinson, B.A., the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 630 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, Passing Through a Cloud of Locusts Between Tongky and Tientsin, China (Underwood & Underwood, Dept. D., 62 Adelaide St. East, Toronto), set of 12 stereographs for this Quarter's Lessons, \$2.00. Five for August, 84c. less than five 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

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Lesson Setting—The Lesson Psalm is one of thanksgiving. It reminds the descendants of Abraham and Jacob, that Jehovah remembers forever His covenant with these great ancestors of Israel, vs. 6-10. The story of the patriarchs is then told till the descent into Egypt, vs. 11-25. Next, the sending of Moses and the plagues of Egypt are described, the account closing with the leading forth of the people, vs. 26-37. The Lesson is mainly from this portion of the Psalm. The concluding portion carries on the history in outline until the entrance into Palestine (vs. 38-45), and the Psalm ends with a call to praise.

I. The Persecution, 23-25.

V. 23. *Israel*; "Perseverer with God," the name given (Gen. 32 : 28) to Jacob ("Supplanter"), the great ancestor of the Hebrew race. *Came into Egypt*. See Ex. 1 : 1. *Land of Ham*; a poetical name for Egypt, the reference in the psalmist's thought probably being to Ham, the second son of Noah (Gen. 6 : 10), some of whose descendants had settled there. But the name may be : (1) from an Egyptian word denoting the "black land," or alluvial soil of the cultivable part contrasted with the "red land," or sandy desert; or (2) from the name of an Egyptian god.

*The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Leaflets are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. Their recitation leads to the obtaining of a beautiful Certificate or Diploma.