

At the suggestion of the International Lesson Committee, where the verses in the Lesson passage exceed a dozen, only a portion is printed, but comment is given on the whole passage. This arrangement will be continued only to the close of the present year, after which the whole Lesson Passage will again be printed, as formerly.

International Bible Lessons

Studies in the Lives of the Patriarchs

LESSON CALENDAR: FOURTH QUARTER

1. October 6.....Joseph Sold into Egypt. Gen. 37: 12-36.
2. October 13.....Joseph in Prison. Gen 39: 20 to 40: 15.
3. October 20.....Joseph Exalted. Gen. 41: 38-49.
4. October 27.....Joseph and His Brethren. Gen. 45: 1-15.
5. November 3.....Death of Joseph. Gen. 50: 15-26.
6. November 10.....Israel Oppressed in Egypt. Ex. 1: 1-14.
7. November 17.....The Childhood of Moses. Ex. 2: 1-10.
8. November 24.....World's Temperance Lesson. Isa. 5: 8-30.
9. December 1.....The Call of Moses. Ex. 3: 1-12.
10. December 8.....Moses and Pharaoh. Ex. 11: 1-10.
11. December 15.....The Passover. Ex. 12: 1-17.
12. December 22.....The Passage of the Red Sea. Ex. 14: 13-27. Or, Christmas Lesson. Isa. 9: 1-7.
13. December 29.....REVIEW. Read Psalm 105.

Lesson IX.

THE CALL OF MOSES

December 1, 1901

Exodus 3: 1-12. Commit to memory vs. 9-12. Read Exodus 2: 11 to 4: 17.

1 Now Mo'ses 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 God, ²even to Ho'reb.

2 And the angel of the Lord appeared 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 ⁴now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the Lord 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'saac, and the God of Ja'cob. And Mo'ses 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

Revised Version—1 Was keeping; ² Back of the wilderness; ³ Unto; ⁴ Turn aside now; ⁵ Canaanite, etc. (the singular instead of the plural in each case); ⁶ And now; ⁷ Moreover I have seen; ⁸ The,

their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the ⁹Ca'naanites, and the Hi'tites, and the Am'orites, and the Per'izzites, and the Hi'vites, and the Jeb'usites.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pha'raoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of E'gypt.

11 And Mo'ses said unto God, Who ^{am} I, that I should go unto Pha'raoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of E'gypt?

12 And he 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.

TIME AND PLACE

About B.C. 1492, when Moses was 80 years of age. He had left Egypt 40 years before. Place, on Mount Sinai, in the Horeb mountains in Arabia.

LESSON PLAN

I. Alone in the Desert.
Keeping his father-in-law's flock.

II. The Burning Bush, 2-6.
Burning and yet not consumed.

III. An Errand of Deliverance, 7-10.
To bring his people out of the bondage of Egypt.

IV. A Promise of Cheer, 11, 12.
The great I AM to be with him.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 513; (64 Ps. Sel.); 278; 456; 511; 583.

EXPOSITION

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Connecting Links—The few verses intervening between Lesson VII. and this lesson bridge well-nigh eighty years. Moses grew to manhood in the palace, and was trained in all the learning of the Egyptians. (Acts 7: 22.) Yet his sympathies were with his oppressed kinsmen, the children of Israel. In defending one of these from the violence

GOLDEN TEXT

Exod. 3: 12. Certainly I will be with thee.

DAILY READINGS

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| M. —Exodus 3: 1-10. | } The call of Moses. | |
| T. —Exodus 3: 11-18. | | |
| W. —Exodus 4: 1-9. | | |
| Th. —Exodus 4: 10-17. | | |
| F. —Exodus 5: 1-9. | | |
| S. —Exodus 6: 1-8. | } Pharaoh's answer. | |
| S. —Heb. 11: 23-27. | | |
| | | The choice. |

CATECHISM

Q. 104. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?
A. In the fourth petition (which is, Give us this day our daily bread) we pray, That of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.