

Lesson VI.

THE PASSOVER

August 10, 1912

Exodus 12 : 21-31. Study Exodus 12 : 1-42. Read Exodus, ch. 12 Commit to memory vs. 26, 27.

GOLDEN TEXT—The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.—Matthew 20 : 28.

21 Then Mo'ses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.

25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?

27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's

Revised Version—lamb; * of; * and did so; as;

LESSON PLAN

- I. A Feast Appointed, 21-24.
- II. Instruction Commanded, 25-27.
- III. Doom Inflicted, 28-31.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—The feast instituted, Ex. 12 : 1-14. T.—The passover, Ex. 12 : 21-31. W.—Hezekiah's passover, 2 Chron. 30 : 13-20. Th.—Josiah's passover, 2 Chron. 35 : 11-19. F.—Ezra's passover, Ezra 6 : 16-22. S.—The passover perpetuated, Luke 22 : 7-20. S.—The Lamb without blemish, 1 Pet. 1 : 13-21.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 65. *What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?* A. The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honour and duty which belongeth to every one in their several places and relations.

The Question on Missions—6. Describe the

passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

28 And the children of Israel went away, and did as the Lord had commanded Mo'ses and Aa'ron, so did they.

29 And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

31 And he called for Mo'ses and Aa'ron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as ye have said.

* to pass at midnight, that; * Omit and.

Loggers' Mission in British Columbia. Our church has one ordained missionary and one medical missionary working amongst the loggers in the lumber camps along the coast of British Columbia. The Mission was begun in 1901. First a rowboat was used to reach the camps, then a sail boat, and now the Mission has a fine gasoline launch.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 252 (Supplemental Lesson), 46, 162, 23 (Ps. Sel.), 151 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 152.

Special Scripture Reading—Matt. 26 : 17-30. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Lantern Slides—For Lesson 484, With Loins Girded; B. 1340, Sprinkling the Blood. For Question on Missions, Several recent views of Loggers' Mission not catalogued. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 630 Confederation Life Building, Toronto, at \$2.00 a dozen.)

Stereograph—For Lesson, The Passover as Celebrated by the Samaritans on Mount Gerizim (Underwood & Underwood, see page 365).

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Time and Place—About B.C. 1215; Goshen in Egypt.

Connecting Links—After Lesson IV, July 27, Ex. 5 : 1-14, we have the story of the plagues which came upon Egypt as the result of Pharaoh's repeated refusals to set Israel free. At last Moses is told to announce to the king that, if he will not let God's people go, all the firstborn in Egypt will be slain. Ex. 6 : 2 to 11 : 10.

The Lord bade Moses and Aaron give the people of Israel directions regarding the Passover as follows: On the tenth day of the month Abib (March-April), which was thenceforth to be the first month of the Hebrew year, the head of each family,—two small families might unite—was to select a perfect male yearling lamb and keep it till the fourteenth day of the month.

Then the lamb was to be slain and its blood sprinkled on the top and sides of the doors of Hebrew dwellings. The lamb itself was to be roasted to set forth Israel's sufferings in Egypt, and eaten at night, in haste, the partakers being in readiness for a journey. Along with the lamb were to be eaten unleavened (yeastless) bread and bitter herbs, such as endive, wild chicory, wild lettuce and nettles. The blood on the door-ways was to be a sign to the angel who was to destroy the firstborn of the Egyptians, so that he might pass over the houses of the Hebrews. Vs. 1-13.

The Passover was to be observed by the Israelites every year forever. Before the slaying of the lamb on the fourteenth of Abib, the people were carefully to remove all leaven from their dwellings, and were to eat