

## Lesson IX.

## ISRAEL AT MOUNT SINAI

August 31, 1913

Exodus 19:1-6, 16-21. Study Exodus, ch. 19; Hebrews 12: 18-24. Read Exodus, chs. 18, 19. Commit to memory vs. 5, 6.

GOLDEN TEXT—Let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe.—Hebrews 12: 28 (Rev. Ver.).

1 In the third <sup>1</sup> month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.

2 <sup>2</sup> For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the <sup>3</sup> desert of Sinai, <sup>4</sup> and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel 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 Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, 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 <sup>6</sup> 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 Israel.

Revised Version—<sup>1</sup> month after; <sup>2</sup> And when; <sup>3</sup> wilderness; <sup>4</sup> they pitched; <sup>5</sup> from among all peoples; <sup>6</sup> day, when it was morning; <sup>7</sup> a; <sup>8</sup> and all; <sup>9</sup> were; <sup>10</sup> Omit with; <sup>11</sup> Omit a; <sup>12</sup> Omit sounded long, and; <sup>13</sup> to the top; <sup>14</sup> Omit up.

## LESSON PLAN

- I. God's People, 1, 2.
- II. God's Message, 3-6.
- III. God's Presence, 16-21.

## DAILY READINGS

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M.—Israel at Mount Sinai, Ex. 19: 1-6, 16-21.  
T.—The majesty of God, Ps. 97. W.—The law in the heart, Heb. 10: 16-22. Th.—The hill of the Lord, Ps. 24. F.—The law our schoolmaster, Gal. 3: 10-29. S.—Mount Zion, Heb. 12: 18-28. S.—"Show me Thy glory." Ex. 33: 12-23.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 64-68.

The Question on Missions—9. Where and how is mission work carried on amongst the Indians of Manitoba and Saskatchewan? There are missions to the Indians at 15 points in these provinces. By

16 And it came to pass on the third <sup>1</sup> day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of <sup>2</sup> the trumpet exceeding loud; <sup>3</sup> so that all the people that <sup>4</sup> was in the camp trembled.

17 And Mo'ses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet <sup>5</sup> with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

18 And mount Sinai was altogether on <sup>6</sup> 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 <sup>7</sup> 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 Sinai, <sup>8</sup> on the top of the mount: and the Lord called Mo'ses <sup>9</sup> 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.

preaching and teaching the Word of God, our missionaries strive to win the Indians to faith in Christ. They are trained to be sober and industrious; the children are educated in mission schools; the young men are taught to be good farmers and the young women to be good housekeepers.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 252 (Supplemental Lesson), 1, 7, 78 (Ps. Sel.), 528 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 534.

Special Scripture Reading—Ps. 111. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, Several Slides of Mount Sinai. For Question on Missions, H. M. 198, Pioneer Missionary to Indians (Rev. J. Nesbet); H. M. 169, Indian Pupils. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 630 Confederation Life Building, Toronto, at \$2.00 a dozen.)

Stereograph—For Lesson, The Traditional Mount Sinai—Southeast—Towering Over the Plain of Assembly (Underwood & Underwood, see page 365).

## THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Time and Place—About B.C. 1215; on the way from Elim to Mount Sinai and the great plain er-Rahah at the foot of that mountain.

Connecting Links—From Elim the Israelites journeyed to Rephidim, where water was given to them from the rock and where, under Joshua as leader, they gained a notable victory over the Amalekites. Soon afterwards, Moses was visited by his father-in-law Jethro, on whose advice he appointed judges to assist him in governing the people.

## I. God's People, 1, 2.

V. 1. The third month; the Hebrew month Sivan (May-June), the month Abib (March-April), in which Israel left Egypt, being reckoned the first month of the year (see ch. 12: 2). The same day; perhaps the

first day. Wilderness of Sinai. The place was probably er-Rahah, a plain 1½ miles long and ½ mile broad, fronting on the northwest Jebel Musa, Mount of Moses, commonly believed to be the ancient Sinai. This is the only plain in the neighborhood capable of holding so many people.

V. 2. From Rephidim. See Connecting Links. Israel camped. The Hebrew for "camped" is the same as for "pitched." The camp would occupy not only the plain er-Rahah, but also the glens and mountain sides, wherever there was grazing for the cattle. Before the mount. The Sinai ridge is about 2 miles long, and Jebel Musa, while sometimes used as a name for the whole ridge, strictly designates the peak at the southeast, while the northwest peak overlooking the plain is called Ras Sufsafah,