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Sabbath School.

BIBLE LESSONS.

Adapted from Peabody's Select Notes.

THIRD QUARTER.

Lesson XIII. September 29.

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"There hath not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised by the hand of Moses His servant."

—I Kings 8: 36.

Books.—Our lessons for this quarter have been taken from five books of the Bible—Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Joshua. And we need to study the course of history through them all.

Time.—The time covered by these lessons is about sixty-four years, n. c. 1400 to 1380.

Periods.—These sixty-four years are divided into three distinct periods:

1. The wanderings in the wilderness, thirty-nine years, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.

2. The conquest of Canaan, seven years, Joshua.

3. The years of rest and occupation, eighteen years, Joshua.

Place.—The history was wrought out in various places in the wilderness of the Arabian peninsula, in the country east of the Jordan, and in the Promised Land.

SUBJECT: AN ANCIENT PILGRIM'S PROGRESS.

1. THE ITINERARY FROM EGYPT TO full possession of the Promised Land.

2. The journey to the chief stations of this journey on the map, and note the events connected with them.

1. Egypt.—Slavery and oppression.

2. Red Sea.—A great deliverance.

3. Sinai.—The giving of the Law and the organization of the nation. The golden calf. The tabernacle.

4. Kadesh Barnea.—The central station for thirty-eight years. Report of the spies.

5. The Wilderness.—Wanderings for thirty-nine years.

6. Mount Hor.—Death of Aaron.

7. The Arabah.—The fiery serpents.

8. East of Jordan.—Conquest of the nations, Sihon, Og, Balak.

9. Plains of Moab.—Review by Moses, Deuteronomy.

10. Mount Pisgah.—Death of Moses.

11. Jordan.—Miraculous crossing.

12. Jericho.—Fall of its walls. First conquest.

13. Ai.—Defeat. Achan. Victory.

14. Shechem.—The covenant renewed.

15. Beth-horon.—Sun and moon stand still.

16. Gilgal.—The religious capital.

17. The Whole Country.—The division of the land.

18. Shechem.—Joshua's farewell address.

II. THE EVENTS MARKING THE training and progress of the nation in their pilgrimage, from an untrained multitude to an organized, developed, and successful nation.

1. "Slavery in Egypt." Expressing and symbolizing the general moral condition of the people. Sin is a slavery, oppressive and bitter.

2. "The Exodus" was the new birth of the nation, the beginning of a new life. It is the symbol of conversion, a new spiritual life.

3. The Giving of the Law. A clear knowledge of what we ought to be and do; guideboards on the way of life; great principles of living; a divine revelation.

4. The Pillar of Cloud and of Fire. The divine guidance, through Providence, and the Holy Spirit, and the Word of God. God's signs were seen, God's word was heard.

"Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, Lead thou me on!"

"The night is dark, and I am far from home."

Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see The distant scenes—'one step enough for me."

5. "The Manna." The daily bodily food expressed also the divine supplies of daily spiritual food, and stands for the answer to the prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread."

"The Golden Calf" showed the low state of the people, how easily they broke the law, how soon they forgot God's blessings, and the great need of testing. It was discouraging, almost hopeless. And yet that darkness largely passed away, and from that people arose the kingdom of God. "Livy informs us that he deemed it an ample reward for his labors that they enabled him to lose sight of the evils of his own age in keeping before his mind the manner and the events of the golden times of Rome. And Cicero says he wrote many things, not so much with the hope of benefiting his own generation, of which he could only despair, and of delivering himself from the misery of contending with it; as from the present, he could live and talk with better men of former and more hopeful times." But Moses acted in the living present, and gave himself to making his nation better, and he succeeded, as Christianity succeeded in toning Rome in its "decline and fall" with a new life that made it rise again.

7. "The Tabernacle" was the place of religious worship, of God's presence, of hearing God's voice, of teaching about divine things. It lifts the eyes from the muck rake to the heavens full of the eternal stars.

8. "Nadab and Abihu." Their drunken rebellion was a sad disaster, but it taught a useful lesson of obedience and reverence, of kindling the soul only with the fire of divine love. Saint Augustine! well hast thou said: "That of our vices we can frame a ladder, if we will but tread Beneath our feet each deed of shame."

9. "The Onward March" from Sinai. A new start was made, though it was

Colic, Headache, Backache—the result of a disordered stomach and liver, cured by

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