

MOSES CALLED TO DELIVER ISRAEL

Sunday School Lesson for June 2, 1907
Specially Prepared for This Paper.

LESSON TEXT.—Exodus 3:1-14. Memory verses, 2-4.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"And he said, Certainly I will be with thee."—Exodus 3:12.

TIME.—According to the common chronology Moses left Egypt at the age of 40, B. C. 1532. His call was 40 years later, B. C. 1492 or 1493. Others place it nearer 1300 or even 1200.

PLACE.—The portion of the land of Midian where Moses spent the 40 years was probably the southeastern part of the Sinaitic peninsula. The burning bush was on Mount Sinai, between the two arms of the Red sea. Sinia and Horeb are interchangeable terms, though some think Sinai to be one of the mountains in the mountain district called Horeb.

RULERS.—The Pharaoh when Moses left Egypt was probably Rameses II. His son, Menephtah, was probably the Pharaoh when Moses was called to deliver Egypt.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.
"The bush burning, yet not consumed, has always been regarded as an emblem of Israel in Egypt. Moses, in his farewell blessing of the tribes, could find no richer benediction of the sons of Joseph than to wish for them 'the good will of Him that dwelt in the bush.' The Church of Scotland, therefore, has not made an inappropriate or unwarranted use of this emblem, when, looking at her own history, how she was cradled in persecution, she has put upon her banner a representation of the burning bush, with the legend: 'Nec tamen consumebatur.' 'Yet it was not consumed.'—W. M. Taylor.

Moses' Objections and Their Answers.—Vs. 11-14; also to Ex. 5:17. Moses may have known that Rameses II. had been succeeded by his son Menephtah, a much weaker ruler; but he understood thoroughly the mighty power of Egypt, and, conscious of his own insignificance, it is small wonder that he began to bring forward objections to God's amazing proposal.

First Objection, Moses' Insignificance. V. 2. "Who am I, that I shall go unto Pharaoh?" An exile under sentence of death, a shepherd 80 years old going to a magnificent court from which he had been absent 40 years, an old man attempting the stupendous task of freeing 2,000,000 slaves and organizing them into a nation. No wonder Moses faltered.

Second Objection, God's Presence. V. 12. "Certainly I will be with thee." That same power before which Moses was hiding his face would go with him to confront his enemies.

Third Objection, God's purpose. "Ye shall serve God upon this mountain." "The fixing of that future meeting place would serve to give confidence to Moses by showing a resolute, clear purpose on the part of God."—Macgregor.

Fourth Objection, the People's Idolatry. 13. Moses remembered how ignorant the Hebrews were concerning the God of their fathers. When he brought them a message from God, they would be sure to ask: "What is his name?" "The Egyptians had various gods, and Israel, long used to their practices, would be sure to ask after the name of the God whose messenger Moses was. How was he to be named to them?"—Alford.

Answer, the Name of the One God. 14. "What a graven image or some outward symbol was to all other nations, that a name, and a name only, was to the Israelite."—Hanna. The name God revealed to Moses was not unknown before (Gen. 22:14), but it was filled with a new meaning. "I AM THAT I AM."

Third Objection, the People's Incredulity. Moses foresaw (Ex. 4:1) that the people would not believe his story, and, as 40 years before, would refuse to follow his lead.

Answer, the Gift of Miraculous Power. "What is that in thine hand?" Jehovah asked; and bestowed upon the common shepherd's staff the power to become a serpent at the bidding of Moses, while the hand itself, thrust into his bosom, became white with leprosy, and thrust in again, became sound once more. One other miracle, the turning of water into blood, was definitely promised.

Fourth Objection, Moses' Slowness of Speech. Moses foresaw that the great task would require much talking, and he was not an orator. Answer: "Who hath made man's mouth?" was Jehovah's grand reply. Doubtless if Moses had accepted the assurance, God would have developed the oratorical power that he certainly possessed, and he would not have been obliged to share with another the glory that God meant for him alone.

The Great Task is Begun.—Ex. 4:18-31; chapters 5 and 6. Obtaining Jethro's consent to his return, and leaving his wife and children in his safe home, Moses set out upon his perilous undertaking. He was met by Aaron, and the two old men, after an affectionate greeting, formed their plans for the campaign that was to mean so much to the world.

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"Whiskers" was a word formerly used to designate the hair on the upper lip. Scott more than once speaks of "whiskers on the upper lip" and so does Defoe in "Robinson Crusoe." Johnson defined a "whisker" as the hair growing on the upper lip or cheek unshaven; a mustachio. It seems to have taken its name from a fancied resemblance to a small brush, to "whisk" properly meaning to sweep, and a "whisker" having been a particular kind of feather brush—also, in the slang of a former time, a switch or rod. In the seventeenth century a "whisker" signified among other things a brazen lie, a "whopper."

One Redeeming Feature.
A youthful New York artist recently invited a friend to dinner in her studio. As the bachelor maid's skill was greater in mixing colors than in catering to grosser tastes, the dinner was something to gnash one's teeth at and upon. The roast chicken was tough, the potatoes were underdone, the pineapple salad was pithy. In anguish of mind, the young hostess sank to the depths of apologizing. "The dinner was delightful, I assure you," said her guest, a charming woman who would cheerfully have perished at the stake rather than utter a tactless word: "I have rarely tasted such tender gravy."

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