

Israel Journeying to Canaan

Sunday School Lesson for Aug. 25, 1907
Specially Prepared for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—Numbers 10:11-13, 29:36.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light."—Ex. 13:21.

TIME.—B. C. 1490 according to the common chronology. Scholars are divided between this date and 300 years later. The second stage of the wilderness journey, the new start from Sinai, began on the 20th of the second month of the second year after leaving Egypt (May). They had spent about a year at Sinai (the 20th day of the second month was May 27 in 1902, and will be May 4 in 1915).

PLACE.—They started from Sinai near the southern point of the peninsula between the two northern arms of the Red sea. They moved in a northerly direction into the wilderness of Paran, or the Thih (Toe), the great barren region between Sinai and the southern border of Palestine.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

The Israelites had now remained nearly a year at Sinai, where they were safe from attack from Egypt on the scattered population of the desert. All this time they had been in God's school preparatory to their longer training and discipline in the wilderness.

The people left Egypt a mere crowd of fugitive slaves, with only the rudiments of national organization, and the dimmest religious ideas. But the interval had effected an immense change. They had now become an organized people, with laws, a constitution or covenant, a priesthood, a religious ritual, and house of worship; and with a political and military organization, under judges and officers placed over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens (Ex. 18:25; Duet. 1:15), and a general council of 70 elders (Ex. 24:1; Num. 11:16, 24:26) which the rabbis believe was the origin of the Sanhedrim.

Make a record of their experiences during this year, and show how each one was a preparation for their coming life.

According to the census of Numbers 1 and 2, there were 603,550 men, 20 years old and upwards, besides the 22,273 Levites. This would naturally imply about 2,000,000 in all. But Prof. Willis J. Beecher, of Auburn Theological seminary, in a lecture not long ago suggested that the enumeration may have been technical, just as we count an army. A regiment consists of 1,000 men, while often in various ways not more than 400 or 500 are present, and yet we call it a regiment; 600,000 may be equivalent to 600 regiments, "the thousands" containing but a few hundreds, so that there may not have been more than 300,000 men or 1,000,000 persons in all.

This schooling was like a preparatory school education for young people.

The Pillar of Cloud and of Fire.—Two symbols of God always went before the people on their march. The ark of God, containing the two tables of the Law, the covenant of the people with God; and over it the guiding pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, rising high above the host, a conspicuous object that could be seen not only by the marshaled host, but by the scattered companies of women and children, as they fed their flocks, and followed afar off the marvelous signal of the divine presence. A great host marching through a country without roads or other marks of civilization, must be provided with some conspicuous object to serve as a signal to the main body, and to all straggling parties connected with it.

Hence, the round grate, full of kindled fuel, elevated on a pole, which was carried before caravans and armies in the east. The ancient Persians carried a sacred fire in silver altars before their armies, and other ancient nations observed a similar custom. For fuller description see Num. 9:15-23.

A Strange Guidance.—The Lord was guiding the people to the promised land. We can imagine them saying, Now that the Lord guides us we will be led only in pleasant ways, in green pastures, and besides still waters, away from dangers and enemies, away from serpents, and drought, and hunger, and we will reach the promised land by the shortest route, in the quickest time. But, as a matter of fact, the Lord had led them into the trouble by the Red sea, into the dry and thirsty land where no water was.

Giving the Invitation.—Every Christian should be able to give just such an invitation as this. He knows whether he is going, and what joys are sure at the end of the journey. The power of the invitation lies in our own appreciation of the blessings of the Christian life.

God wants you to be a Christian not only because it is best for you, but because there is work for you to do in his kingdom; there are multitudes to help, battles to fight, victories to gain, the kingdom of God to come, the world to be redeemed.

FULLY UP WITH THE TIMES.

Oklahoma City Surprised Narrow-Minded New Yorker.

Oklahoma amazes an easterner. The wide, asphalted streets, the plate glass fronts of department stores, the clean sidewalks, the well-dressed, unhurried shoppers, the finish, the metropolitan air you find in Oklahoma City, for example, seem marvels to find in a territory only 17 years old. But do not say so.

A New Yorker who went there on business complained that fate was thrusting him into a wilderness, and his Oklahoma associates could not reassure him. But coming down to breakfast the first morning, at his hotel in Oklahoma City, he stared around in wonder as he entered the dining-room.

"This," he exclaimed, "this is Oklahoma! Why, do you know?" confidentially, "I even found a porcelain bathtub in my room."

"Well," said an Oklahoman, drily, "don't you have those in New York?"

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