JOSHUA, ISRAEL'S **NEW LEADER**

Sunday School Lesson for Oct. 6, 1907

Specially Prepared for This Paper

LESSON TEXT .- Joshua, 1: 1-11. Mem-GOLDEN TEXT .- "I will not fail thee nor forsake thee,"-Joshua 1: 5.

TIME. - The last of March or early in April (Josh, 4: 19 compared with Josh, 1: 11), B. C. 1451 according to our Bible margins. Many scholars place it two centuries earlier. It was directly after the Exodus.

PLACE.-The plain of the Jordan on the east side, at the foot of the Moabite mountains, opposite Jericho.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

Joshua, the New Leader .- His Name, originally Hoshea, the same as the prophet Hosea, signifying "salvation" or "help." To this was added afterwards (Num. 13: 16) "Je" for Jehovah, and the name became Jehosua, "Jehovah is salvation," shortened to Joshua, later modified in Neh. 8: 17 to Jeshua, from which came its Greek form in the Septuagint, Jesous, Jesus, of whom Joshua was in some respects

His Ancestry.-He was an Ephraimite, a descendant of Joseph, through Ephraim, and according to 1 Chron. 7: 22-27 he was the eleventh generation from Joseph. His father's name was Nun, and his grandfather, Elishama, was a captain of the army of the Ephraimites, 40,500 in number, at the organizations of the Israelites soon after the exodus (Num. 2: 18, etc. compared with 1 Chron. 7: 27).

His Birthplace.-He must have been born in Goshen in Egypt, where his parents were in slavery.

We would know all of life if we completely understood any one life. It is well to read what we can in Joshua's Book of Life.

1. Matheson calls his life prosaic, commonplace, that of an assistant to Moses. Of the three classes of menthose "in advance of their time, the men up to their time, and the men following their time"-Joshua was one of the last type, "without originality, obeying orders; his deeds only breathe through him, not from him." Thus the blind preacher makes Joshua a comfort and strength and hope to the vast majority of men.

This may be true of the earlier portions of his life up to the time of this lesson. But now he comes to the reward of his faithfulness as one who obeys orders. By obeying he has learned to command. By faithfulness in little things he is able to do great things. This is the only ladder that may be climbed to the best. The one who would be an orator is told to learn the great orations by heart. The one who would be a painter studies and copies the great artists. When the time came he was able to enter the door to his great life-work.

2. A well-known scholar, says the Temple Bible, "considers the finest religious conception in the book the appearance to Joshua of the angelic 'Captain of the Lord's host' (Josh. 5: 13-15). It is a noble illustration of the truth that in the great causes of God upon the earth, the leaders, however, supreme they seem, are themselves led." Joshua was great because he was under divine guidance, taught by divine wisdom, and therefore, humble and strong.

3. He was a man of great courage, both physical and moral, as he had shown in the battle with Amalek, and still more in action, in spying out the land and in almost alone resisting the clamors of the people.

4. He was a man of faith.

5. He was deeply and intensely religious, through and through.

6. He came to have fine qualities as a general,-keen observation, power to control, wise leadership, celerity of movement skilful, strategy, boldness of attack.

Ebers, in his romance "Joshua," makes him, not without some probability, a captain prior to the Exodus. in the Egyptian army, well accustomed to campaigning.

The Difficulties in the Way .- These were very great indeed.

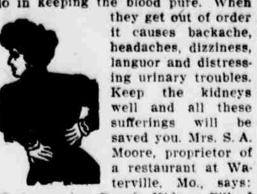
1. The Jordan was at its flood (Josh. 3: 15), absolutely impassable for an army, much less for the whole people of Israel. This made them safe from attack, but also prevented them from taking possession.

2. The people of the land dwelt in walled cities against which the Israelites had no sufficient weapons.

These obstacles rose like an impassable barrier of mountains before the people. "Impossible to overcome" was written all over them. It was like the task which Jesus set before his disciples when he was about to be crucified-twelve unlearned, unarmed, poor men to conquer the Roman empire, when one breath of Cesar could sweep them from the earth; to overcome the wealth, the worldliness, the selfishness, the sin, and crime of the world. Lebanon was but a molehill to this mountain of difficulty. The people were dismayed, disheartened. hopeless almost to despair.

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Enid's Prayer.

The other night little Enid, tired out by a day's romping, was about to retire for the night when her mother told her to say her prayers, which she evidently was about to forget. This is what she said: "Oh, Lord, if you know everything, you know I am very sleepy, so dood-by till to-morrow night!"

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