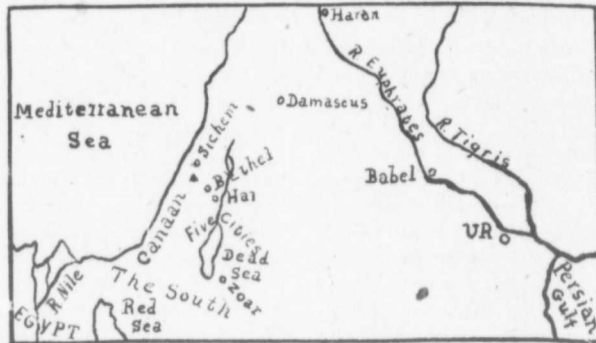


roads from Nineveh and Damascus. Abram's family lived at Haran, perhaps for some years. Then we go with him, accompanied by Sarai and Lot and many followers and

numerous cattle, to the ford of the Euphrates at Carchemish, 60 miles west from Haran.



Crossing the river, we reach Damascus, said to be the oldest city in the world still extant. At last we get into the Jordan valley, and travel down the east side of the river to

a ford 25 miles north of the Dead Sea, and then turn northwest to Shechem and Bethel and Ai.

THE LESSON APPLIED

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"Get thee out of thy country," v. 1. So does God sometimes speak to the young folk of this generation through circumstances over which they have little control. How many of the people of Canada are now living in the place where they were born? Some have come to us from beyond the seas and others have moved to where they now reside from some other part of our fair Dominion. This is an age of migration and of immigration. A child speaking of his home to a friend, was asked, "Where is your home?" Looking with loving eyes at his mother, he replied, "Where mother is." May that kind of boy or girl grow up to sing with McKenzie of Korea, as he set forth upon his mission, "Any-where with Jesus I can safely go."

"A land that I will show thee," v. 1. He fared forth not knowing whither he went. It is a cloud covered path through the future we all are treading. We do not know what one day may bring forth. How often we wish that the mists would roll away if but for a moment so that our fortunes ten years from now might be described. That may not be, however, and it does not matter since we can say,

"Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me."
Life is a trip into the great unknown.

"I will bless thee," v. 2. Although the way is dark, there stands one within the shadow keeping watch about the pilgrims and

prospering their way. Dr. Adoniram Judson labored diligently for six years in Burmah before he baptized a convert. At the end of three years he was asked what evidence he had of ultimate success. "As much as there is a God who will fulfil all his promises," he replied. "Our future is as bright as the promises of God."

"So Abram departed," v. 4. What would have happened had Abram stayed in the land of Haran, we do not know. The promised blessing was conditioned on obedience. "If ye will obey," God said again and again to the children of Israel. It was disobedience that spoiled all their prospects. "Brethren," said a negro preacher once, "whatever de good God tell me to do in this book, dat I'm gwine to do. If I see in it that I must jump troo a stone wall, I'm gwine to jump at it. Goin' troo it belongs to God—jumpin' at it belongs to me." *The path of duty is the path of glory.*

"The Canaanite was then in the land," v. 6. Abram was surrounded by those who did not worship the true God and it behoved him to set before them a good example. We do not live like Robinson Crusoe on a lonely island. God hath set the solitary in the midst of society—both kinds of society—good and bad. The good uplifts but the bad casts down. Indeed we are perhaps more susceptible to the bad than the good. A story is told of two parrots who lived near to each