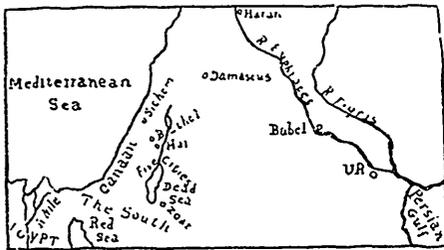


place for the worship of God. **Canaanite**; descendants of Canaan, son of Ham and grandson of Noah (ch. 9: 18), the first owners of the land, afterwards to be dispossessed by Abram's descendants. **The Lord appeared**; to encourage and strengthen Abram, in view of the great and difficult task of conquering the land and driving out its original inhabitants. **Will I give this land**; the first explicit promise of Canaan to Abram. **An altar**; a rude pile of stones, on which the blood of slain animals was poured as an offering to God, and usually the bodies or parts of these also burned. **Beth-el**; house of God, ten miles north of Jerusalem; afterwards a well-known place for the worship of God. **AI** (Rev. Ver.); two and a half miles from Bethel. **Called upon**, etc. Prayer and praise, as well as sacrifice, formed a part of Abram's worship.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



BABEL—Afterwards became the great city of Babylon on the Euphrates. **UR** was a city of great commercial importance, the Euphrates, flowing almost by its gates, forming a channel of communication with Upper Syria. **HARAN** was 550 miles northwest of Ur, on a tributary of the Euphrates. The meeting place of roads from Nineveh and Damascus, it was noted as a centre of trade. **BETH-EL** is now Beitin, a small village, with ruins of early Christian and Crusaders' buildings. It is separated from **HAI** (now Haiyân) by a deep ravine to the north.

AN ORIENTAL SIDELIGHT

A Jewish interpreter of scripture says, "Abraham deserved to have been created before Adam, but the Holy One...said, 'Should he pervert things as I make them, then there will be no one to rectify them; so, behold, I will make Adam first, and if he should make things crooked, then Abraham following him, will make them straight again.'"

LESSON QUESTIONS

What is the date of the Lesson? From which of Noah's sons was Terah descended? Where was Ur situated? Whither did Terah and his family remove? Under whose guidance? Who was Terah's eldest son?

1 Where did God speak to Abram? How long had Abram lived in Ur? What was the character of this place? From what was Abram to separate himself? What must the true disciples of Jesus be willing to give up for His sake? (Matt. 10: 37.) What severe test was put upon Abram's faith?

2-5 Give the terms of God's promise to Abram. How far was the blessing given to Abram to extend? How does Paul apply a similar promise? (Gen. 22: 18; Gal. 3: 16-18.) What may have been the number of Abram's followers? Where is Canaan?

6-8 Where is Sichem? Explain "Moreh". Why did Abram need encouragement? How did he get it? Describe an appearance of the Lord to Paul in like circumstances. (Acts 18: 9, 10.) What do we learn as to the parts of ancient worship?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Must we withdraw from the world in order to live a Christian life? (See John 17: 15.)
2. Giving versus getting as a means to happiness.

A LESSON FOR LIFE

It is a far cry from that old-time journey of Abram, with his caravan, to our modern modes of travel by swift and comfortable trains and steamers. But the same God who guided and protected Abram is our God, and we need His care and direction. Our comings and goings will be safe and happy when we commit ourselves into His hands.

Prove from Scripture—That the gospel is for all.

Shorter Catechism—*Ques: 25. Which is the first commandment?* A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me. *Ques: 24. What is required in the first commandment?* A. The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

The Question on Missions—6. How many stations have we in Korea? We have three stations where missionaries live, namely, Wonsan, Ham Heung, and Song Chin. Ham Heung is a large provincial capital, and the others are ports open to foreign trade.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How did Abram show his faith?

2. What do we learn as to the highest Source of help amid difficulties?

3. In what spirit should we commence our work?