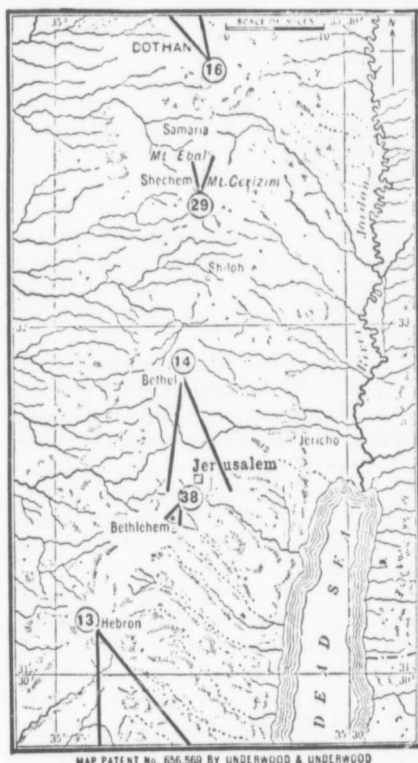


the most important thing in life is the blessing of God, and that the only way to get that

blessing is by doing always what is right and true.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



The exact location of Isaac's home, during the life of Jacob and Esau, is uncertain. We know, however, that three generations of Abraham's line were buried at Hebron. Notice how a V on our Judea map marks a position at Hebron. Standing at the point of that V and looking south over the space between its arms, you see a bit of the country which Jacob and Esau must have known well. Directly before you is an olive orchard, such as they were used to seeing in southern Judea. Beyond the orchard you see the low stone houses of Hebron closely packed together on the lower slopes of two hills and in the valley between them. Of course none of these houses can be as old as Jacob's time, but other houses stood then on or near the same ground. The tall tower which you notice at the right stands over the ancient Cave of Machpelah. Jacob and Esau must certainly have visited that spot. In the distance you can see far out among the southern hills where Jacob's flocks used to feed and where Esau used to go hunting. Josephus says that Hebron was the oldest city in Palestine and makes it a rival of Damascus, which, he says, was founded by Uz, the grandson of Shem.

Use a stereograph entitled, Hebron, the Home of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Lesson Points

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If the heart is honest, the deeds of the hands will correspond with the words of the lips. v. 22.

No gain won by deceit can ever be real or enduring. v. 23.

God, in His mercy, is always placing barriers in the path of the wrong-doer. v. 24.

A lie acted is as bad as a lie spoken. v. 25.

Each step taken in sin makes the succeeding steps both easy and necessary. v. 27.

Behind all the secondary causes in nature is the power and goodness of God. v. 28.

An opportunity once lost is lost for ever. v. 30.

It is not by birth but by character that rank is determined in the kingdom of God. v. 32.

Those who transgress God's law will one day tremble before Him. v. 33.

Sorrow springs out of sin as surely as the tree out of the root. v. 34.

Something to Look Up

[FROM THE INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY AND LEAFLET]

1. Jacob's name was changed later to