

ABRAM LEAVING HOME

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THE LESSON RETOLD

We are going to hear about a man named Abram, who was the great, great, great, grand-father of all the little Jewish boys and girls all over the world.

Long, long ago, God chose Abram to be the father of a big family or nation, which God meant to take care of and train. He was going to teach them his laws and how to worship him. And after many years God meant to send his own Son Jesus to live amongst them and teach them, and to be the Saviour of all the people in the world.

So one night while Abram lay sleeping in his tent, in one of the Bible lands, he heard some one saying to him : "Abram !" He sat up and listened. It was God who spoke to him. "Abram," he said, "I want you to

1 Now the LORD had said unto A'bram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee :

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great ; and thou shalt be a blessing :

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee : and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 So A'bram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him ; and Lot went with him : and A'bram *was* seventy and five years old when he departed out of Har'an.

5 And A'bram took Sar'ai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Har'an ; and they went forth to go into the land of Ca'naan ; and into the land of Ca'naan they came.

6 And A'bram passed through the land unto the place of Si'chem, unto the plain of Mo'reh. And the Ca'naanite *was* then in the land.

7 And the LORD appeared unto A'bram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land : and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth'-el, and pitched

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leave your old home and your father and mother and brothers and sisters, and go away to a new home which I will give you for you and your family forever, for I am going to make a great nation of your family and I will bless you and make you a blessing. I will bless those who are kind to you and punish those who do you harm. In your family all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

We know what God meant when he said that, but Abram did not know what he meant, for it was years and years after this that God sent Jesus into Abram's nation to be a blessing to all the families of the earth, as he is to-day.

So Abram said good-by to his friends, and started away with his wife Sarai and his

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