

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 5.

FEBRUARY 4th, 1894.

1st QUARTER.

Beginning of the Hebrew Nation. Gen. 12: 1-9.

GOLDEN TEXT: "I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing." Gen. 12: 2.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 1-3. **LESSON HYMNS:** 127, 28, 252, 135.

PROVE THAT—Great benefits reward obedience. Isa. 1: 19.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ? Quest. 87. What is repentance unto life?

DAILY PORTIONS.

(The Selections of the International Bible Reading Association.)

MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Gen. 12: 1-9	Gen. 13: 14-18	Gen. 15: 1-7	Aots 7: 1-7	Gal. 3: 6-11	Mark 10: 28-31	Heb. 11: 6-12

To the Teacher.—Do not credit any Scholar with having prepared the lesson who does not at least try to answer the questions. Take the leaflet home and assign a value to each answer, announcing the result on the following Sabbath. *Take, or send, the Leaflet to absent scholars.*

Always bring your Bible and Shorter Catechism to the Sabbath School.

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY.—The descendants of Noah re-peopled the world. Those of Shem remained in Mesopotamia and spread throughout Syria and Arabia; those of Ham settled in Phœnicia, Canaan and Africa; and those of Japheth wandered, in one direction, into India and, in another, into Europe. We are, of course, descended from Japheth.

In order to keep the human family together and increase its power, a great tower was built as a rallying centre. But God wished men to scatter themselves over the earth and form separate nations. So he caused the one language to break up rapidly into different ones, and all who understood each other (naturally those in groups related by family ties) were compelled to go away by themselves.

Then God chose Abraham and renewed his covenant with him; and all the rest of the Bible is but the history of God's fulfilment of his promise to him. The church of God began when Abram was called.

LESSON PLAN. I. God's Call. vs. 1-3. II. Abram's Obedience, vs. 4, 5. III. Taking Possession. vs. 6-9.

I. GOD'S CALL.—1. **Had said to Abram.**—God called Abram first when he was in Ur. He now continues his journey after a delay of some years in Haran. It was hard for him to leave all he loved and set out "not knowing whither he went," (Heb. 11; 13), but we cannot be true followers of Christ unless we are willing to do as much if he asks us to. Open your Bible and read what he says, Matt. 10: 37, 38; 16: 24; 6: 14. Why did God "call" Abram? So that one nation might be preserved from forgetting his promise of a Saviour, and keep alive in the world, for future ages, the true worship. Every nation, left to itself, became heathen. 2-3. Notice how many things God promises to Abram. **A great nation.**—The Israelites did become a great nation, especially under Solomon; and then the Ishmaelites, who are the Arabs of to-day, were descended from his son, and the Edomites from his grand-son, Esau; but all Christians may be counted as his spiritual children. Read Gal. 3: 29. **A great name.**—No other man has been so honored by his fellow men. Abram is as much revered by Jews and Mahometans as by us. **A great blessing.** Through Abram and his descendants we have a Bible, a Saviour and a gospel. From him Christ took his human nature. **A great ally.**—God becomes his friend. Read Jas. 2: 23. So Christ will stand by those who love him, read Matt. 10: 42; 25: 40. He is willing to be your friend, are you willing to have him?

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