

# Teachers' Preparation Leaflet

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God's Covenant with Abram. Gen: 17: 1-9.

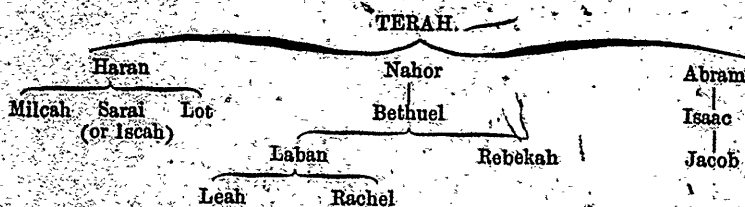
GOLDEN TEXT: "He believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness." Gen. 16: 6.

LESSON HYMNS; 16, 151, 185, 229.

## INTRODUCTORY DRILL—ABRAM.

1. No more august name than that of Abraham stands upon the page of history. To his contemporaries, he was but one of themselves, a powerful chief of a nomadic clan; but to subsequent ages, he has become the "fountain and source" of every spiritual blessing and the father of all them that believe. Outside of the four Gospels, no other biography is so significant as his. In it we read the charter of the church, and trace the principles on which it is founded. (Read Gibson's "The Ages Before Moses," chap. 8).

His father Terah was the eighth in direct descent from Shem. The following table will shew the most important relationships.



(For a description of Chaldea in the time of Abram, see the text-book for senior scholars, "Abraham; His Life and Times," by Rev. W. J. Deane, chapter 1. Every teacher should read this book. Its price is only 70 cents).

Abram was born at Ur, now beyond dispute identified with *Mugheer*, on the right bank of the Euphrates, about 125 miles from the Persian gulf. The family had come from the borders of Armenia in the north, and Terah, at least, seems to have been an idolater (Josh. 24: 2). Numerous legends, however, testify to the sturdy constancy of Abraham, whose strength of character marked him out as a fitting agent for the execution of the divine purpose (ch 18; 19). The covenant of grace, made known to our first parents, and ratified to Noah on behalf of mankind, is now to be re-confirmed to Abram as the depository of its blessings. He is separated by a divine call from surrounding idolatrous influences, full revelation is vouchsafed to him and more definite promises are given. To him the "God of glory appeared" bidding him remove to a land which would in due time be shewn him, and in obedience to the divine command the whole family returned to the north and dwelt for a time at Haran, where Terah died. Our last lesson narrated Abram's departure from Haran and arrival in the promised land.

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