

Lot Allotted a Lot of Land
(Genesis 13)

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INTRODUCTION

REVIEW

12:1–9 After Terah's death in Haran, God told Abram to leave his father's house & household; God would make him a great nation & bless him so that he would bless others, so Abram went to Canaan where the Lord revealed Himself again and gave the land to Abram, who then built altars to the Lord and worshipped Him throughout the land that the Lord gave him (claiming that land for the Lord)

12:10–20 A severe famine caused Abram to sojourn in Egypt; he told Sarai that her beauty would cause Egyptians to kill him, but to spare her alive; she was to say that she was his sister, so that he would be blessed & live; Pharaoh took her into his house & bestowed a great dowry on Abram, but Pharaoh's whole household (other than Sarai) became quite sick; Pharaoh rebuked Abram for the evil resulting from saying that she is his sister, because it created the possibility that intimacy could have occurred; Pharaoh gave Sarai back & deported Abram, w/ Sarai, & all that belonged to Abram

NEW EXPOSITION

(13:1–4) With great wealth Abram returns to Bethel to worship

(13:1–2) Abram left Egypt for the Negev with Sarai, Lot & his great wealth in livestock, silver & gold

(13:3–4) Abram returned to Bethel (to the altar he had built earlier between Bethel & Ai) & he called on the name of the Lord

(13:5–7) Range war between herdsmen of Abram and Lot as the Canaanites looked on

(13:5–6) The land could not sustain the livestock of both Abram & Lot, because Lot had also accumulated flocks, herds & people while in Egypt

(13:7) Strife developed between herdsmen of Abram and of Lot, while the Canaanites looked on

Remember Genesis 9:20–27 and 10:6–20)

In regard to the phrase *saw the nakedness of his father*, cf. Leviticus 20

The presence of Canaanites and Perizzites

(13:8–13) Abram resolved the strife by blessing Lot

(13:8–9) Abram ended the strife because he and Lot were relatives (by letting Lot choose what land he wanted)

Let there be no strife (*m^eribâ*) between them (Think ahead to Exodus 17:1–7)

Abram does not resemble Cain (who denied that he was his brother's keeper)

The giving of land to Lot

(13:10–11) Lot looked at the plain of the Jordan (before the Lord destroyed it) & saw that it had plentiful water (like the Garden of Eden), chose it, & went eastward to it; so Abram and Lot separated

Does Lot resemble Abram?

The preview of the destruction of the cities of the plain (Genesis 19)

(13:12–13) Abram dwelt in (the uplands of) Canaan, but Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain (even Sodom, that exceedingly wicked city)

(13:14–18) God reaffirmed the promise to Abram, including the promise of innumerable seed & told him to investigate it

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The translation *descendants* is not precise. It should be *seed*. The seed is the lineage of Messiah. (We saw this as we considered Genesis in the Galatians series)

(13:17) God invited Abram to investigate the land

(13:18) Abram settled near Hebron and built an altar (to worship the Lord)

CONCLUSION