



*In the beginning...*

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# The Walk of Abraham

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# The Book of Genesis

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# Genesis 13

<sup>1</sup> And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

Genesis 13:1

- When Sarai was taken into Pharaoh's house/harem, she would have been given a maid to attend to her, as the custom was.
- When Pharaoh sends them away with 'all that he had', Hagar is included in the deal!

# Genesis 13

<sup>2</sup> And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. <sup>3</sup> And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai;  
<sup>4</sup> Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

**Genesis 13:2-4**

- After Abram's trip down to Egypt we find him back in the same place he had been  
– **Between a Rock and a hard place!**



# Genesis 13

<sup>5</sup> And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

<sup>6</sup> And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

<sup>7</sup> And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

**Genesis 13:5-7**

# Unnecessary Strife?

- Abram had not fully obeyed God to this point...
- He had been told:
- *“Get thee out of thy country, **and from thy kindred**, and from thy father's house”*
- God's blessing couldn't come as long as Abram held on to his old life
- God calls each of us to be separate
  - (not mostly separate!)

# Genesis 13

<sup>8</sup> And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

<sup>9</sup> Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

**Genesis 13:8-9**

# Genesis 13

<sup>10</sup> And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. <sup>11</sup> Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. <sup>12</sup> Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. <sup>13</sup> But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.



# Lot's Steps

- Beheld
- Chose
- Departed
- Dwelt in the plain
- Pitched...toward
- Dwelt in Sodom
- Seated in the gate  
(Town Council)

# Abram vs. Lot

- Abram walked by faith
  - Lot by sight
- Abram: generous and magnanimous
  - Lot: greedy and worldly
- Abram: looked for God's city
  - Lot: home in a city destroyed by God
- Abram: "Father of all who believe"
  - Lot: perpetual infamy
- Abram: "Heir of the world" Rom 4:3
  - Lot: dwelled in a cave Gen 19:30  
All possessions destroyed in Sodom

# Declared Righteous!

<sup>6</sup> And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; <sup>7</sup> And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: <sup>8</sup> (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) <sup>9</sup> The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

2 Peter 2:6-9

# Genesis 13

<sup>14</sup> And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

<sup>15</sup> For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

<sup>16</sup> And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

# Genesis 13

<sup>16</sup> And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

<sup>17</sup> Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

**Genesis 13:16-17**



# Genesis 13

<sup>18</sup> Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

Gen 13:17-18

- Abram has now come to the place of obedience and surrender.
- He is now positionally where God wanted him to be

# Abraham's Altars

- This is the final Altar's Abraham builds of his own volition
- He will build a 4<sup>th</sup> at God's command
  - 1st at Shechem (12:7)
    - Speaks of the world & the flesh “a place of burdens”
  - 2nd between Bethel and Ai (12:8)
    - Between the ‘House of God’ and ‘Ruins’
  - 3rd at Hebron (13:18)
    - Hebron speaks of associated with God / Fellowship
  - 4th at Moriah (22:9)
    - The place of ultimate sacrifice

# Genesis 14

The Battle of the 9 Kings

# Genesis 14

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations;

<sup>2</sup> That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar. <sup>3</sup> All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea. <sup>4</sup> Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

# Genesis 14 - The Battle of the Kings





# The Battle of 9 Kings

## Genesis 14

### Shemites

Amraphel, king of Shinar  
Arioch, king of Ellasar  
Chedorlaomer, king of Elam  
Tidal, king of nations;

### Hamites

Bera, king of Sodom  
Birsha, king of Gomorrah  
Shinab, king of Admah  
Shemeber, king of  
Zeboiim  
King of Bela (Zoar)

- Served Chedorlaomer 12 years; 13<sup>th</sup> year rebelled
- Chedorlaomer defeated and spoiled the rebels
- Took Lot, Abram's nephew, captive from Sodom

# Genesis 14

<sup>5</sup> And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim,

<sup>6</sup> And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto El-paran, which is by the wilderness.

<sup>7</sup> And they returned, and came to En-mishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites that dwelt in Hazezon-tamar.

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# Giants in the Land

- 10 The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims;
- 11 Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims.
- 12 The Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.

# Giants in the Land

<sup>19</sup> And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession. <sup>20</sup> (That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims; <sup>21</sup> A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead:



# Genesis 14

- <sup>8</sup> And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim;
- <sup>9</sup> With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.

**Gen 14:8-9**

# Genesis 14

- <sup>10</sup> And the vale of Siddim was full of slimepits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.
- <sup>11</sup> And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.
- <sup>12</sup> And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

**Gen 14:10-12**

# Genesis 14

<sup>13</sup> And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eschol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram. <sup>14</sup> And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. <sup>15</sup> And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus.

# Genesis 14

<sup>16</sup> And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

<sup>17</sup> And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.

**Genesis 14:16-18**

- Abram's army (318 trained servants) rescues Lot, and the people of Sodom

# Genesis 14

<sup>18</sup> And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

Genesis 14:18

- This is before the Aaronic priesthood!
- Salem would later be known as Jerusalem
- This individual is both a king & priest
  - Only three x in Scripture:
    - Melchizedek
    - Jesus Christ
    - The Church



# Genesis 14

<sup>19</sup> And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

<sup>20</sup> And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

Gen 14:19-20

- Receives Abram's tithes    **Heb 6:20**
- Allusions: **Psalms 110; Hebrews 5, 6, 7**
- Administers Bread and Wine

# Hebrews 7

- <sup>1</sup> For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;
- <sup>2</sup> To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;
- <sup>3</sup> Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

Hebrews 7:1-7

# Hebrews 7

- 4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.
- 5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:
- 6 But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

Hebrews 7:1-7

# Speculations

- No recorded birth or death Heb 5:7  
Cf. Isa 32:17; Col 1:20; Rom 3; Psa 110
- Was Melchizedek Shem?
  - No: we know Shem's genealogy Heb 7:3
- Was Melchizedek Christ?
  - No: His priesthood was “after the order of” (the similitude of) Melchizedek Heb 7:3,15
- Was Melchizedek a celestial being?
  - No: a man Heb 7:4

# Genesis 14

<sup>21</sup> And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.

Genesis 14:21

- Sodom was located in the valley
- Jerusalem was on Mt Zion/Moriah
- The king of Sodom was the 'king from below'
- Melchizedek was the 'king from above'
- The king from below offers material reward in exchange for the souls of men

# Genesis 14

<sup>22</sup> And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, <sup>23</sup> That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich: <sup>24</sup> Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

**Genesis 14:22-24**





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