



CHAPTERS
12 - 13

GENESIS

DAY ONE

1. There are those who merely acknowledge the possibility that God exists. God wants so much more than that; he wants a real relationship with us; one of faith and trust in him. What did God promise in Deuteronomy 4:29, Jeremiah 29:13, and Hebrews 11:6?

2. You have made a wise choice to study God's word.

Please read Genesis 12-13 twice before starting. Look at the map to locate the places mentioned in Genesis 12-13. By looking at the map, why do you believe this is likely the route taken and not simply a straight path to the west?



3. Genesis can be divided in several ways but one of the easiest to see is Genesis 1-11 and Genesis 12-50. List the events you recall from Genesis 1-11.

4. Genesis 12-50 deals with God's call to Abram and his descendants. Do you recall from our study last week, from which of sons of Noah did Abram descend? Read Genesis 9:26, we do not want to miss the spoken blessing on this son. God established _____ family line to be preeminent and for the family line of _____ to serve him.

5. Read Genesis 12:1 again and compare it to Stephen's words in Acts 7:2-3. This is another time in Scripture where we see something mentioned (Genesis 11:31) and more details given later. If one only reads Genesis 11:31, it might sound like moving to Canaan was all Terah's idea. Genesis 12:1 tells us God specifically spoke to _____. We do not know exactly when God spoke to Abram, only that he spoke to him before he lived in Haran (Acts 7:2-4). At times God fulfills his plans in stages, but it is always according to his divine timeline.

6. Looking at the map on question 1, where were Abram and his brothers born and raised?

Looking back at Genesis 11:28, what sad event happened while they still lived in Ur of the Chaldeans?

According to Genesis 11:31, what was Terah's intended destination?

7. What do you believe might have caused this family to stop in Haran?

Have you noticed this theme in our study of Genesis; obedience brings blessings?

Now we see it also brings more direction. Often when we are feeling a bit confused and don't know what to do next, it is best to simply wait on God's clear direction. Read Psalm 32, what can we glean from these verses concerning a heart that is right with God and waiting on direction? (especially vss. 8, 10)

8. In your Bible highlight the various "I will" statements found in Genesis 12:2-7. Then make a list of the things God said he would do.

9. Read Psalm 119:89; Isaiah 55:11; Matthew 24:35 KJV. What do these verses teach us about God's word?

10. We know Terah was 70 years old when he had his sons in Ur of the Chaldeans, and he lived to be 205 years old. God spoke to Abram and instructed him to leave the land of his birth. Abram obviously shared God’s words with his father who considered it a good idea. The family set out, but after making it to Haran chose to stay there for a time. Please read Genesis 12:1 again, what were God’s specific instructions to Abram?

Leave your _____

Leave your _____

Leave your _____

We do not know how long a time passed, according to Genesis 12:4, what do we see Abram do next?

11. Who traveled with Abram to the land of Canaan?

12. Read Genesis 12:7 again, specifically to whom did God promise the land of Canaan? Is the recipient (s) plural or singular?

13. When Abram arrived near Shechem what did he do?

We will see Shechem mentioned again later in our study of Genesis. It is also mentioned in Joshua 24, as a place of remembrance and renewed covenant, it is also the place where Joseph’s bones would be buried. (Joshua 24:32)

14. We do not need to take a seminary class or interview theologians to discover how to enjoy the blessings of God. God’s word is clear. Read the verses listed below, what would you say is the key to unlocking the gracious blessings of God?

In just a few words, what do these verses say are the keys to God’s blessing?

Psalm 1:1-3

Psalm 112:1

Psalm 119:1-2

Psalm 128:1-4

15. Charles Stanley said, “The Lord’s simple requests often serve as stepping-stones to life’s most wonderful blessings.”

What is the benefit of obeying God in the small things?

In what ways does your obedience affect others?

My mother reminded us as children, “If obedience is not immediate, it’s not obedience.”

She would say “Delayed obedience is really disobedience.” Once God has clearly spoken, what is the only thing left to do?

DAY TWO —

16. We see God called Abram to follow a unique plan. God has a unique plan and call for each of His children. Have you ever wondered why God calls certain people to go to distant lands to share the gospel and others He uses right at home? The reasons are as diverse as His people. But you can be sure God has a plan and a purpose for each of us. Read Joshua 24:2; what do you learn about the people living in Mesopotamia that might help us see why God had Abram leave?

17. God was specific with his promise to Abram in Genesis 12:7. We are hearing much about Israel in the news today, this small piece of land is the center of all kinds of controversy. Has God changed his mind concerning the ownership of this land?

18. What is Abram’s humble response to God?

In verse 7 while camped at Shechem he _____
 _____. In verse 8 while camped between Bethel & Ai, he _____
 _____.

19. In Genesis 12:7 the LORD appeared to Abram. Scripture does not say why Abram tarried in Haran. But when he did arrive in Shechem he built an altar and worshipped the LORD. God met with him and spoke to him. Abram is learning to hear God's voice and follow. I love the reminder that God patiently deals with his followers. This altar was a place of personal dedication. It became a memorial stone and a place of remembrance. Do you have markers that help you remember times of personal commitment or decisions in your walk of faith?

20. I would say Abram has been enjoying a mountain top season in his walk of faith. In obedience he has followed God's call. As it is for all men and women, challenging days are a part of life. What difficulty does Abram face in Genesis 12:10?

21. We do not want to minimize the difficulty of this event. After all, Abram was responsible for others, and he is just learning what it is to trust God and walk by faith. Read Genesis 12:10, what other choices he could have made?

Do you find obediently following God is sometimes accompanied by a time of testing in your walk of faith?

22. In verse 10, what choice did Abram make?

Abram may have thought he would only be there for a season. Have you noticed that when we follow our own reasoning and compromise following God's plan carefully, we too can find ourselves in a situation that is not good. What situation was Abram about to find himself in that filled him with anxiety?

23. What did he instruct Sarai to do?

Even though what he said was true, it is only a half truth. What is another name for half-truth?

Sarai might have been flattered to hear her husband speak of her beauty, but do you think she experienced some anxiety and “what if’s” of her own?

How might this leave Sarai in a very difficult situation?

If we are followers of Christ, how are we to respond when tempted to lie?

24. After reading the events of Genesis 12:15-20, who ultimately delivered Abram and Sarai?

25. Abram is a work in progress. This was not the finest hour in his walk of faith. Was God able to bless him even in Egypt? List some of the ways?

26. I really love Sarai’s example of honoring her husband and allowing God to watch over her. Did she do what Abram asked her to do?

What happened to her?

27. Is a child of God, ever really left all on our own?

Do you allow God to be your protection?

28. Without naming any names or details, have you ever been put a vulnerable and anxious situation and God came to your rescue?

How did it make you feel, experiencing God as your ever-present help in a time of need?

DAY THREE

29. In Genesis 12:10-20, we see a side of Abram that we have not previously seen. How would you describe it?

30. Since God is truly sovereign, had this famine caught him off guard? As we look at the experiences of Abram, what can we learn that might help us deal with the troublesome situations of our life?

31. Who has been directing Abram on this journey so far?

Did God instruct him to go to Egypt?

32. Abram looked to Egypt for help. What key ingredient of a true relationship with God did this leave out?

It has been said, you are either just coming out of a trial, you are in a trial, or you are headed into one. If this is true, then wouldn't it be wise to consider how we might best handle our next difficult situation in a way that honors God?

What is always the best way to handle difficult situations?

33. Read these verses and comment.

a. Psalm 46:1

b. Psalm 46:10

c. Psalm 18:2

d. Psalm 40:17

e. Proverbs 21:31

34. Read and comment on these examples of God our deliverer. He is Jehovah-Sabaoth, the LORD of the Armies. God's purposes will always be fulfilled; even when people attempt to hinder them.

a. Exodus 12:27

b. 2 Samuel 22:2-4

c. Daniel 3:17

35. God has not called us to merely grit our teeth and make it through trials. Read Philippians 4:4-9, is an obedient and reverent walk possible when things are hard?

How?

36. Genesis 13:1-4 tells us "Abram went up from _____ to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. Abram had become very _____ in _____ and in _____ and _____. From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to _____, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier and where he had first _____ an _____. There Abram called on the name of the LORD."

37. Abram did not waste time worrying about his previous choice to go to Egypt or the lack of faith he had shown while there. He did not beat himself up over the poor example he had been in front of those under his leadership. He simply called on the name of the LORD and went back to serving and following Him. Are you wasting time fretting over past mistakes?

Are you allowing the past to keep you from all God has for you today?

Read 1 John 1:9, what are we to do with our sin?

38. There is an old hymn that became one of my favorites after studying the Bible and learning stories like this one of Abram and his journey back to Bethel. The chorus says, “Back to Bethel I must go, back where the rivers of sweet waters flow, back to the true life my soul longs to know, Bethel is calling, and I must go.”

Bethel means “house of God.” We will see this place mentioned several more times in the book of Genesis. Each time it will have to do with returning to fellowship with God.

Do you need to return to a place like Bethel?

Was there a place of fellowship and intimacy with God that has become a distant memory?

If so, come back. God is waiting for you my sweet friend. You are only a prayer away. For Abram, returning is a time-consuming and difficult journey retracing the steps he took in his own plan, but who was with him every step of the way? Even the longest journey begins with one step.

39. What do you believe it means to “call on the name of the LORD”?

Read Romans 10:13 and 1 John 1:9 to help you answer this question. The Hebrew word for “call” is Qara’ which means to cry out, to proclaim, to summon.

DAY FOUR

40. The next section of Genesis 13 deals with family issues of jealousy and quarreling. This is something most families experience from time to time in varying degrees. Being able to look past the surface problem to the root can be a valuable tool when dealing with these issues. What underlying problems might result in jealousy and quarreling?

41. Read Galatians 5:19-21, James 3:16, Romans 1:28-32, and Romans 6:23; what do these verses teach concerning jealousy and quarreling?

42. Years ago, one of the hymns sung quite frequently was “Count your blessings.” This is the first line of that hymn, “When upon life’s billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.” Do you think it might have been helpful if Lot and his workers could have redirected their focus and counted their blessings?

What are some of the blessings they could have listed?

43. In Genesis 13 we read that Lot also had flocks, and herds, and tents. Where do you suppose this once fatherless young man acquired these things?

44. How were the possessions of Abram and Lot described in Genesis 13:6?

45. Family controversy and strife is not only unpleasant, but it can also turn dangerous if not dealt with quickly and decisively. Why did Abram say this quarrelling must cease?

46. Abram takes the lead in remedying this situation. We must be prepared for spiritual battles outside and sometimes within the family. We should be prepared for this event and lead in restoring peace. Read Matthew 5:9, in the event we find ourselves in a family conflict what are we to do?

How are we to respond?

47. Abram called a family meeting. In a family meeting it is often beneficial to put yourself in the other person's shoes long enough to gain a bit of understanding of their feelings. Even if their feelings are unjustified, we should strive to be good listeners. For many, "peace-making" was never modeled. This could be our opportunity to be a legacy changer. How would you describe the plan Abram presented to Lot in Genesis 13:9?

48. What was Abrams suggested plan?

49. Lot's response to Abram's extreme generosity was telling. Did it make good business sense to choose as Lot did?

What factors should we consider when making a business decision?

Describe Lot's character.

50. How was the land to the east described?

We read that Lot chose for himself the land of Jordan and the two parted company. The scripture tells us that Lot “ _____ his tent near _____.”

51. Before we get all caught up in what a selfish decision this was on Lot’s part, which it was, go back and read Genesis 12:7. How did this choice fulfill God’s plan?

Just think, if Lot had chosen to go to the left, he would have been going to the land promised to Abram. Righteous Abram would have been living near Sodom. God has a way of fulfilling his plans.

52. How are Lot’s new neighbors described in Genesis 13:13?

53. It is possible to get into sin rather quickly sometimes, but more often it is a gradual decline that takes place over time. In hindsight this was a very costly decision for Lot. What is the best way to make decisions which will affect our future happiness and holiness?

DAY FIVE

54. We can all make selfish and bad choices from time to time. If Lot had been a man of character, he would have humbled himself, sought forgiveness and reconciliation with Abram. If he had been a good leader for his family, he would have seen this was no place to raise a godly family. What does this demonstrate about Lot’s priorities?

Which do you think was of greater importance to Lot, personal holiness, or monetary gain?

55. Maybe you are feeling like you have gotten stuck with the short end of the stick. Perhaps someone in business has selfishly advanced, and you are left with second best. What truth can we glean from this study of Abram, which should encourage your heart?

56. We will see in Genesis 14 that Lot's choices had profound consequences. It is impossible to live in close fellowship with the world and enjoy sweet fellowship with God. Before we get too critical of Lot, what are some ways we allow fellowship with the world to infiltrate and influence our day?

57. Genesis 13:14-17 records another sweet conversation between God and Abram. After Lot left, we read the LORD spoke to Abram again (highlight the two "I will's" seen here). What did God tell Abram to do?

58. There is a particularly important word found at the end of verse 15; it is the word "forever." What do you believe God is saying about this land?

59. What act of Abram's devotion do you see in Gen. 13:18?

How many times have we seen Abram do this very thing?

DAY ONE

Question 1

Deuteronomy 4:29 (NIV)

²⁹ *But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Question 4

Genesis 9:26 (NIV)

²⁶ *He also said, "Praise be to the LORD, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem.*

Question 5

Acts 7:2-4 (NIV)

² *To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran. ³Leave your country and your people," God said, "and go to the land I will show you."⁴ "So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living.*

Genesis 11:31 (NIV)

³¹ Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Harran, they settled there.

Question 6

Genesis 11:28 (NIV)

²⁸ While his father Terah was still alive, Haran died in Ur of the Chaldeans, in the land of his birth

Genesis 11:31 (NIV)

(see above in question 5)

Question 7

Psalms 32 (NIV)

1 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. 2 Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. 3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I

will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin. ⁶Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. ⁷You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. ⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. ⁹Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. ¹⁰Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD’s unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. ¹¹Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Question 9

Psalm 119:89 (NIV)

⁸⁹ Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)

¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Matthew 24:35 (NIV)

³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Question 13

Joshua 24:32 (NIV)

³² And Joseph’s bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph’s descendants.

Question 14

Psalm 1:1-3 (NIV)

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ²but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. ³That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

Psalm 112:1 (NIV)

¹ Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands.

Psalm 119:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD.

² Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart—

Psalm 128:1-4 (NIV)

¹ Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him. ²You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. ³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. ⁴Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the LORD.

DAY TWO

Question 16

Joshua 24:2

²Joshua said to all the people, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.’”

DAY THREE

Question 33

Psalms 46:1 (NIV)

¹God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalms 46:10 (NIV)

¹⁰He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

Psalms 18:2 (NIV)

²The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalms 40:17 (NIV)

¹⁷But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.

Proverbs 21:31 (NIV)

³¹The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the LORD.

Question 34

Exodus 12:27 (NIV)

¹²then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’ Then the people bowed down and worshiped.

2 Samuel 22:2-4 (NIV)

²He said: “The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; ³my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—from violent people you save me. ⁴“I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and have been saved from my enemies.”

Daniel 3:17 (NIV)

¹⁷If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand.

Question 35

Philippians 4:4-9 (NIV)

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Question 37

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Question 39

Romans 10:13 (NIV)

¹³ *for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

1 John 1:9 (NIV) (see reference on Question 37)

DAY FOUR

Question 41

Galatians 5:19-21 (NIV)

¹⁹The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

James 3:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

Romans 1:28-32 (NIV)

²⁸ Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. ²⁹They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; ³¹they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. ³²Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Question 46

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.



B I B L E C H A P T E R S

Genesis 12 (NIV)

- ¹The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.
- ²“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.
- ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”
- ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.
- ⁵He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.
- ⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.
- ⁷The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.
- ⁸From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.
- ⁹Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.
- ¹⁰ Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe.
- ¹¹ As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, “I know what a beautiful woman you are.
- ¹²When the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me but will let you live.
- ¹³ Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.”
- ¹⁴When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai was a very beautiful woman.
- ¹⁵And when Pharaoh’s officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace.
- ¹⁶He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels.
- ¹⁷But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram’s wife Sarai.
- ¹⁸ So Pharaoh summoned Abram. “What have you done to me?” he said. “Why didn’t you tell me she was your wife?
- ¹⁹Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!”
- ²⁰Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had.

Genesis 13 (NIV)

- ¹So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him.
- ² Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.
- ³ From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier
- ⁴ and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD.
- ⁵Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.
- ⁶But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together.
- ⁷And quarreling arose between Abram’s herders and Lot’s. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time.

⁸So Abram said to Lot, “Let’s not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives.

⁹Is not the whole land before you? Let’s part company. If you go to the left, I’ll go to the right; if you go to the right, I’ll go to the left.”

¹⁰Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)

¹¹So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company:

¹²Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom.

¹³Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD.

¹⁴The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, “Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west.

¹⁵All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.

¹⁶I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted.

¹⁷Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.”

¹⁸So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the LORD.