

Genesis 13

Genesis 13.1-13

V1 – Why had Abraham gone to Egypt? There was a famine in Palestine

V2 – He was very rich now – God had blessed him

V3-4 – Why did he make an altar at Bethel to begin with? *Genesis 12.8* – the “Promise Land” – a thankful heart

V5 – What was Lot’s status? Also rich
-Remember Lot was Abraham’s nephew (uncle)

V6 – What problem did Abraham and Lot begin to have? Not enough land for both of them

V7 – What happened? Herdsmen began to fight each other over the available land
-Why v 7b? It looks terrible for God’s people to be fighting each other (same today)
-Why does it look bad? “If they can’t agree...”

V8 – Why did Abraham not want a fight? They were brothers (sisters can fight, too)

V9 – Who should have gotten the best land? Abraham (the older one – uncle, the leader of the clan)
-But what was Abraham’s solution? Let Lot decide

V10 – How did Lot decide? How fertile the land was
-**Note:** We have known people to move to certain area for a great job, but they have no concern for a church there (weak or strong?)
-No concern about effect the move will have on their children
-The ultimate results in the life of Lot were disastrous – he lost his wife, his two daughters married homosexuals, and they later committed incest with their father
-Our primary concern should be the spiritual effect of a move
-**What two cities were located near where Lot was going?** Sodom and Gomorrah

V11 – Lot and Abraham separated

V12 – Where did Lot pitch his tent? Near Sodom

V13 – Describe the people of Sodom? Very wicked

Genesis 13.14-18

V14 – Lot made best choice, according to the ways of the world
-But who really made the best choice? Abraham

V14-15 – What promise did God make to Abraham? All the land would be his

V 16 – **How many descendants of Abraham?** Beyond number

V 17 – **Instructions of God?** “Survey” the land

V 18 – Abraham made an altar in Hebron (20 miles south of Jerusalem)

-Hebron – 3,040 feet high (in mountains)

-Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Rebekah, Leah – All buried in cave of Machpelah at Hebron

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