

#477 The Original Thirteen (13) States – Lot’s Separation from Abram in Genesis 13

In Genesis 13, Abraham and Lot separate.

Genesis 13:1-13 (KJV) *And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.*

2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

3 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;

4 Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

5 And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

6 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.

7 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.

8 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.

9 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.

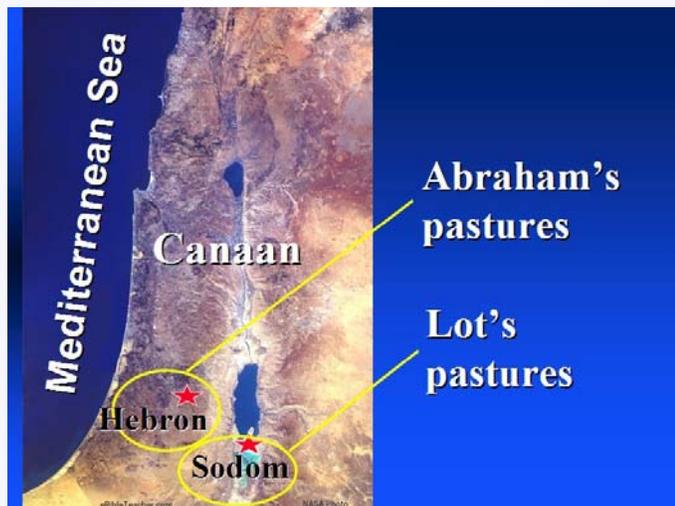
10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 ABRAM DWELLED IN THE LAND OF CANAAN, and LOT dwelled in the cities of the plain, and PITCHED HIS TENT TOWARD SODOM.

13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

The parting of Abraham and Lot, Genesis 13:8-12





Abraham had his eyes on heaven

Key Understanding: *The difference between Abraham and Lot.* Since (i) Abraham made his home in the promised land as a sojourner (Hebrews 11:9) with his faith representing the true heavenly kingdom church – for he was looking forward to the Heavenly Jerusalem (Hebrews 11:10) – while (ii) Lot's downward decisions led him to wicked Sodom, Genesis 13 illustrates the separation of those who are called to be (i) citizens of heaven (represented by Abraham) from those who essentially are (ii) citizens of the earth (represented by Lot). Abraham had his eyes on the city of Heavenly Jerusalem (Hebrews 11:10). Lot had his eyes on the city of Sodom (Genesis 13:10-12). As we will cover, this contrast between the city of Heavenly Jerusalem and the city of Sodom is a part of the spiritual/prophetic story of the Original Thirteen (13) States.

Take note now that the mention of Sodom being wicked is in Genesis 13:13. [This will become even more significant when we tackle Revelation 13:13. The 13:13 of the first book of the Bible ties to the 13:13 of the last book of the Bible.]

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