

GENESIS CHAPTER 13

¹ And Abram went up out of Egypt, he and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the wilderness. ² And Abram was very rich in cattle, and silver, and gold. ³ And he went *to the place* where he came, into the wilderness as far as Bethel, as far as the place where his tent was before, between Bethel and Ai, ⁴ to the place of the altar, which he built there at first, and Abram there called on the name of the Lord.

⁵ And Lot, who went out with Abram, had sheep, oxen, and tents. ⁶ And the land was not large enough for them to live together, because their possessions were great; and the land was not large enough for them to live together. ⁷ And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle, and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle, and the Canaanites and the Perizzites then inhabited the land.

⁸ And Abram said to Lot, "Let there not be strife between me and you, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers. ⁹ Behold, is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me; if you *go* to the left, I will go to the right, and if you go to the right, I will go to the left."

¹⁰ And Lot, having lifted up his eyes, observed all the country round about the Jordan, that it was all watered, before God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, as the garden of the Lord, and as the land of Egypt, until you come to Zoar. ¹¹ And Lot chose for himself all the country surrounding the Jordan, and Lot went from the east, and they were separated each from his brother. And Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan. ¹² And Lot dwelt in a city of the neighboring people, and pitched his tent in Sodom. ¹³ But the men of Sodom were evil, and exceedingly sinful before God.

¹⁴ And God said to Abram after Lot was separated from him, "Look up with your eyes, and behold from the place where you now are northward and southward, and eastward and seaward; ¹⁵ for all the land which you see, I will give to you and to your seed forever. ¹⁶ And I will make your seed like the dust of the earth; if anyone is able to number the dust of the earth, then shall your seed be numbered. ¹⁷ Arise, walk in the land, both in its length and in its breadth; for to you will I give it, and to your seed forever."

¹⁸ And Abram, having removed his tent, came and dwelt by the oak of Mamre, which was in Hebron, and there he built an altar to the Lord.