

“After Lot had separated” Genesis 13:1-18 1/05/20

Today, we'd like to see the title of “After Lot Had separated” in Genesis 13:1-18.
(BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR 2020!)

To Online Word's people, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions. (*verse by verse – over 70% His words' expository message for All Scripture! The sheep with the lack of the foundation of His word may be the prey for false teachers.*)

Q1. In verse 4, “to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the LORD,” why did Abram come here again? And what could we learn from here?

Q2. In verse 11, “Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other,” what characters of Lot and Abram could we observe in the context? And what could we learn from Abram?

Q3. In verse 15, “for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever,” what does God require to Abram in the context? And what is the faith of Christians?

(Background for Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

Ur -> Haran -> Canaan -> Egypt -> Canaan

(Genesis 11:27-32) This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot. ²⁸ And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹ Then Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah. (if Sarai is identified with Iscah by many Jewish scholars, Sarai is Abram's niece and Lot's sister – in Hebrew culture, any female descendant was called “sister”; Sarai is Abram's step sister by different mother in *Gen 20:12*). ³⁰ But Sarai was barren; she had no child. ³¹ And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there. ³² So the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran.

(Genesis 12:8,10, 19, 20) ⁸ And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he 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. ¹⁰ Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land (without asking God's direction, Abram moved to Egypt – the lack of faith). ¹⁹ Why did you say, ‘She is my sister’? I might have taken her as my wife. Now therefore, here is your wife; take her and go your way” (Abram lied to Pharaoh about his wife Sarah as his sister, but the Lord plagued Pharaoh, who discovered it). ²⁰ So Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning him; and they sent him away, with his wife and all that he had. (Abram and his whole family were evicted by the Pharaoh of Egypt)

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<p>¹ Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and <u>all that he had</u>, and <u>Lot</u> with him, to <u>the South</u>.</p> <p>² <u>Abram was very rich</u> in livestock, in silver, and in gold.</p> <p>³ And he went on his journey from the South <u>as far as Bethel</u>, to the place where <u>his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai</u>,</p> <p>⁴ <u>to the place of the altar</u> which he had made there at first. And there Abram <u>called on the name of the LORD</u>.</p> <p>⁵ <u>Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents</u>. ⁶ Now <u>the land was not able to support them</u>, that they might dwell together, for <u>their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together</u>.</p> <p>⁷ And there was <u>strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock</u>. <u>The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land</u>.</p>	<p>1= all that he had (Hagar the Egyptian servant was likely included <i>Gen 16:1¹</i>), to the South (the Hebrew word of the South is Negev)...Lot (the son of Haran the brother of Abram, i.e., Abram's nephew <i>Gen 11:31²</i>)</p> <p>2= Abram was very rich...(for Sarah's sake, Pharaoh had treated Abram very well)</p> <p>3= as far as Bethel (Beth + El = the house of God); his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai (See <i>Gen 12:8</i>, above)</p> <p>4=Q1 to place of the altarthere at first...called on the name of the Lord (Even if Abram was satisfied with Physical need, he needed Spiritual need, which is more than Emotional need from his lack of faith through the lie. So, he came back the place where he met God 1st and called upon the Lord. In NT time, it doesn't matter a physical location but a heart e.g. the church of Ephesus <i>Rev 2:4-5; John 4:20-23³</i>)</p> <p>5= Lot also...flocks and herds and tents. 6= ...the land was not able to support them (more land is needed; physical need)...their possessions were so great....not dwell together (their present situations)</p> <p>7= strife between (Abram's herdsmen and Lot's herdsmen, e.g., the strife in church for physical need – the strife is a work of flesh <i>Gal 5:19-21⁴</i>; each is accountable to God at His judgment <i>Heb 9:27⁵</i>)</p>
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¹ *Gen 16:1* Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no *children*. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar.

² *Gen 11:31* And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there.

³ *Rev 2:4-5* Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. *John 4:20-23* Our fathers worshiped on this mountain (Mt. Gerizim), and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

⁴ *Gal 5:19-21* Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

⁵ *Heb 9:27* And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

<p>⁸ <u>So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren.</u></p> <p>⁹ <u>Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left."</u></p> <p>¹⁰ <u>And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar.</u></p> <p>¹¹ <u>Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other.</u></p>	<p>8= So Abram said to Lot....no strife between you and me.....between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren (we all are the brothers in God or the believers of God; Abram has the divine love via his peace making <i>Gal 5:22-23⁶</i>)</p> <p>9= Please separate from me (even if Abram did not want to separate Lot like a son, he wanted to change the strife to peace); If you take the left, then I will go to the right; if you go to the right, then I will go to the left (Abram considers Lot first before himself, showing his divine love. Abram was a spiritual man because the divine love is the fruit of the Spirit as well as the man of faith <i>Lev 19:18; Gen 15:5-6⁷</i>)</p> <p>10= Lot lifted his eyes...saw all the plain of Jordan (Lot was the man of sight or carnal man, not a man of faith <i>Heb 11:1; Rom 8:5-8⁸</i>), that it was well watered everywhere (at that time)...like the garden of the Lord....like the land of Egypt....toward Zoar (close to Sodom and Gomorrah the south of today the dead sea)</p> <p>11= Q2 Lot chose for himself (not for Abram) all the plain of Jordan (all, not partial plain, of Jordan); they separated from each other (The situations were: (1) Lot's taking all the plain – unfairness to Abram; (2) Lot was an initiator to strife and separate; (3) Abram's painful feeling of the separation with Lot like a son – Abram had no son with barren Sarah; Even in the situations, there was no indication of any vengeance, grudge, enmity, bitterness, hostility, criticism, depression, or anxiety on Abram's part against Lot. Abram was so committed to God because he trusted God in full whatever situations. Whatever way the Lord leads, I'll take whatever given. That's real commitment. So, we should not be any vengeance, grudge, enmity, bitterness, hostility, criticism, depression, or anxiety against the separating party but we should still love God and live by faith although we don't understand now, because God will work in the painful situations for His good purpose to us., and each is accountable to God <i>Romans 8:28; Heb</i></p>
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⁶ *Gal 5:22-23* But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

⁷ *Lev 19:18* You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD; *Gen 15:5-6* Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."⁶ And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

⁸ *Heb 11:1* Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. *Rom 8:5-8* For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<p><u>12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom.</u></p> <p><u>13 But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.</u></p> <p><u>14 And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: “Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward;</u></p> <p><u>15 for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.</u></p> <p><u>16 And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.</u></p>	<p>9:27 (above)⁹ (2) The strife due to so great possessions caused the separation among the brothers in God, the bad example before the world, e.g. Jesus’ prayer <i>John 17:21</i>¹⁰; e.g., Painful separation: Mission team divided between Paul and Barnabas <i>Acts 15:37-39</i>¹¹ – two mission teams outcome & Paul reconciled with Mark later 2 <i>Timothy 4:11</i>¹²; Calvary Chapel Association (CCA) & Calvary Global Network (CGN))</p> <p>12= Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain...even as far as Sodom (Lot “saw all the plains” verse 10 and dwelt in the cities ...even as far as Sodom, then Lot dwelt in Sodom and became the gatekeeper officer of Sodom -- growing sin unto death like growing faith more like/closer to Christ <i>Gen 14:12</i>; <i>Gen 19:1</i>; <i>James 1:15</i>; <i>Rom 1:16-17</i>; <i>Mat 25:29</i>¹³)</p> <p>14= the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him (Abraham was probably feeling lonely or brokenhearted. Then, often God is able to speak to our heart because God is always with us.)...look from the place where you are – northward, southward, eastward, and westward (look all around you)</p> <p>15=Q3 for all the land you see, I give to you and your descendants forever (God’s unilateral promise to not only Abram but also his descendants, called as the covenant – promise for more generations, i.e., Abrahamic covenant regarding the land; How can Abram and his descendants achieve the land all around him and his descendants? See verse 17)</p> <p>16= as the dust of the earth (a figurative speech of immeasurable huge numbers); if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered (huge numbers, e.g., the “thousands of thousands” means many thousands. <i>Rev 5:11</i>¹⁴)</p>
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⁹ *Romans 8:28* And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose

¹⁰ *John 17:21* that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me

¹¹ *Acts 15:37-39* Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. ³⁸ But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work. ³⁹ Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus;

¹² 2 *Timothy 4:11* Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

¹³ *Gen 14:12* They also took Lot, Abram’s brother’s son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed; *Gen 19:1* Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; *James 1:15* Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death; *Rom 1:16-17* For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith; *Mat 25:29* ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

¹⁴ *Rev 5:11* Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,

<p>17 <u>Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you.</u>"</p> <p>18 Then Abram moved <i>his</i> tent, and went and dwelt by <u>the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron</u>, and built an altar there to the LORD.</p>	<p>17= Q3 Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width (do to arise and walk in the land everywhere; work to arise and walk so); for I give it to you (because God give the land to you according to His word, verse 15 – believe the verse 15, and live by its belief; it is called as the appropriation of it, or living theology – apply your faith wherever you go or to whatever situations you face, e.g. <i>Joshua 1:3</i>¹⁵; check whether the life/walk/work is of flesh or of the Spirit through you? <i>Rom 8:4</i>; <i>Rom 9:32</i>¹⁶; <i>Rom 1:16-17</i> (above)</p> <p>18= the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron (today called as the Jerusalem Mountains)</p>
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2020 Self-Daily Bible Reading & Study Plan*

1 time of the Old Testament & 2 times of the New Testament (Weekly Book Basis through Expository Study from Verse by Verse Inductive Studies)

- 1/5	Ge	- 1/12	Mt	- 1/19	Ex	- 1/26	Mk
- 2/2	Lev	- 2/9	Lk	- 2/16	Nu	- 2/23	Lk
- 3/1	Dt	- 3/8	Jn	- 3/15	Jos, Jdg	- 3/22	Ac
- 3/29	Ru, I Sa	- 4/5	Ro	- 4/12	II Sa	- 4/19	I & II Co
- 4/26	I Ki	- 5/3	Gal, Eph, Php, Col	- 5/10	II Ki	- 5/17	I & II Th, I & II Ti, Tit, Phm
- 5/24	I Ch	- 5/31	Heb, Jas	- 6/7	II Ch	- 6/14	I & II Pe, I & II & III Jn, Jude
- 6/21	Ezr, Ne, Est	- 6/28	Rev	- 7/5	Job	- 7/12	Mt
- 7/19	Ps	- 7/26	Mk	- 8/2	Ps	- 8/9	Lk
- 8/16	Ps	- 8/23	Jn	- 8/30	Pr, Ecc, Ss	- 9/6	Ac
- 9/13	Isa	- 9/20	Ro	- 9/27	Isa	- 10/4	I & II Co
- 10/11	Jer	- 10/18	Gal, Eph, Php, Col	- 10/25	Jer, La	- 11/1	I & II Th, I & II Ti, Tit, Phm

¹⁵ *Joshua 1:3* Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.

¹⁶ *Rom 8:4* that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit; *Rom 9:32* Why? Because *they did not seek it* by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.;

- 11/8	Eze	- 11/15	Heb, Jas	- 11/22	Da	- 11/29	I & II Pe, I & II & III Jn, Jude
- 12/6	Hos, Joe, Am, Ob, Jnh, Mic	- 12/13	Rev	- 12/20	* Topical Study on Christmas	-12/27	Na, Hab, Zep, Hag, Zec, Mal

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