

- 4) Then a problem arises
  - i) The problem was that there wasn't enough room to pasture all the flocks and herds of both Abram and Lot.
  - ii) Abram saw the quarrel between the herdsman Lot and his herdsman.
  - iii) Abram did the following
    - a) He says that there should be no quarrels because they are brothers.
    - b) He then gives Lot first choice of where he wants to pasture his flocks and herds.
    - c) Here we see Abram's unselfish attitude.
  - iv) Lot chooses the area near the bottom of the Dead Sea near Sodom and Gomorrah
    - a) He picks what is the best for him.
    - b) You can see Lot's selfish nature.
  - v) Lot pitches his tent near Sodom and Gomorrah both of which were very wicked before the Lord.
- 5) When Lot leaves, the Lord speaks to Abram
  - i) He says, "Now Abram, I want you to look at this land. I want you to look north, south, east and west. I am going to give you all that land. And not only that but I am going to give you so many descendants that you want be able to count them."
  - ii) See 13:14-17
  - iii) The Lord again promises that this is the land the Lord will give him. *and make his seed as the dust of the earth*
- 6) Abram leaves here and goes to the great trees of Mamre
  - i) 13:18
  - ii) He builds an <sup>altar</sup> ~~alter~~ to the Lord. *which is in Hebron*
- d. Military expedition (14)
  - 1) Five kings, including the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah, had been subject to Chedorlaomer, who was the king of Elam, for twelve years.
  - 2) But in the 13th year, they decided they didn't want to be subject to him and rebelled against him.
  - 3) So Chedorlaomer gets three allies and you have four kings going to fight against five kings.
    - i) He conquers a number of cities.
    - ii) He fights against the five kings, including Sodom and Gomorrah.