

## **Abram Trusts YHWH (Again)**

### **Genesis 13:1-18**

**Genesis 13:1-4** <sup>1</sup>So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb. <sup>2</sup>Now Abram was very heavy with livestock, with silver, and with gold. <sup>3</sup>And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, <sup>4</sup>to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of YHWH.

- 2 “Abram was very rich”- he was rich before tricking Pharaoh, now he’s even wealthier!
- 3 “where his tent had been at the beginning”- 12:8
- 4 “there Abram called upon the name of YHWH”- keep track of how often this happens  
Luther translates it differently- “there Abram preached the name of the Lord,”

### **Genesis 13:5-7**

Wealth, though a blessing, can certainly come between families.

- 7 Canaanites & Perizzites- enemies, reminds us of the danger in the land

### **Genesis 13:8-13**

- 8-9 Abram is a man of peace, desiring harmony with his nephew. He gives Lot first choice
- 10 “like the garden of YHWH”- a reference back to Eden  
“(This was before YHWH destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)”- chapter 19
- 12 “Abram settled in the land of Canaan”- takes the lesser land, trusting God’s promise 12:7
- 13 Sets up chapter 19 already, also a contrast between the cities of the valley and herd land

### **Genesis 13:14-18**

God confirms His promise once again, and expands it!

Compare 12:7 with 13:14-17- What is added?

- 18 “Abram moved his tent”- checking out the land  
By the oaks of Mamre- “there he built an altar to YHWH”- in Shechem, in Bethel, & in Hebron

## **Abram the Warlord**

### **Genesis 14:1-16**

### **Genesis 14:1-10**

In summary- The land of Ham is ripe for battles and warfare

4 lands/peoples- Shinar, Ellasar, Elam, Goiim

Versus 5- Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboiim, Bela/Zoar Hamites 10:19

- 10 “bitumen pits”- either asphalt or tar due to the Salt Sea

### **Genesis 14:11- 16**

- 13 “Abram the Hebrew”- descendent of Eber 10:25, 11:14, name also has a double meaning
- 14 “trained men...318”- he has a small militia all his own
- 15 A night attack using his force to attack from multiple sides, tactic employing confusion

# Abram Blessed by The King of Righteousness

## Genesis 14:17-24

- 17 "the King's Valley"- a later editorial insertion indicating this event took place near Jerusalem  
18 "Melchizedek"- name means; "The King of Righteousness" or "My King Is Righteousness"  
"King of Salem"- translates King of Peace. Salem as in JeruSALEM  
"brought out bread & wine"- essential to a celebratory meal, can the typology go any deeper?!  
"priest of God"- The typology just went deeper! This is before Levi is born and the Levites are designated "priests."  
"God Most High"- El Elyon, (Ps 7:17; 9:2; 18:3; 46:4)  
19 "And he blessed him"- Blessing someone is HUGE in Genesis. More on the blessing in a minute  
20 "he gave him a tenth"- Hebrew text is ambiguous who gave to whom (Heb 7:2 clears it up)  
22 "lifted my hand to YHWH"- made an oath, interesting Abram uses the words of Melchizedek's blessing "God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth"  
23-24 Abram trusts God's promise of prosperity and blessing, does not turn to the riches here  
NOW- About Melchizedek!  
- First he appears out of nowhere  
- Name means King of Righteousness/Justification  
- His office is King of Salem/Peace which is most likely the territory of Jerusalem  
- Brings to Abraham bread & wine  
- Is called a Priest of God Most High- so he is king and priest! Remind you of anyone?  
- Blesses Abram and God  
- Receives a tithe from Abram  
- Disappears  
Psalm 110; Hebrews 5:1-10; 6:17-20; and HEBREWS 7!

### PSALM 110

M: <sup>1</sup>The LORD says to my Lord:

W: "Sit at my right hand,

M: until I make your enemies your footstool."

W: <sup>2</sup>The LORD sends forth from Zion

M: your mighty scepter.

W: Rule in the midst of your enemies!

M: <sup>3</sup>Your people will offer themselves freely

W: on the day of your power,

M: in holy garments;

W: from the womb of the morning,

M: the dew of your youth will be yours.

W: <sup>4</sup>The LORD has sworn

M: and will not change his mind,

**ALL: "You are a priest forever  
after the order of Melchizedek."**

W: <sup>5</sup>The Lord is at your right hand;

M: he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

W: <sup>6</sup>He will execute judgment among the nations,

M: filling them with corpses;

W: he will shatter chiefs

M: over the wide earth.

W: <sup>7</sup>He will drink from the brook by the way;

M: therefore he will lift up his head.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
And to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning  
Is now and will be forever. Amen**

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



**Abraham and Lot enter into Land Negotiations.  
Genesis 13:8-11**