The Lesson of Lot's Life

Separation < Community



Tonight...



We will meet a special family selected by God



We will ask the Question, why did Lot leave it?



We will explore the importance of community and celebrate the one we are blessed to have

This is the account of Terah.

Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran. And Haran became the father of Lot. Haran died in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans, while his father Terah was still alive.

Gen 11:27-28

And Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah; she was the daughter of Haran, the father of both Milcah and Iscah. But Sarai was barren; she had no children.

After these things Abraham was told, "Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor..."

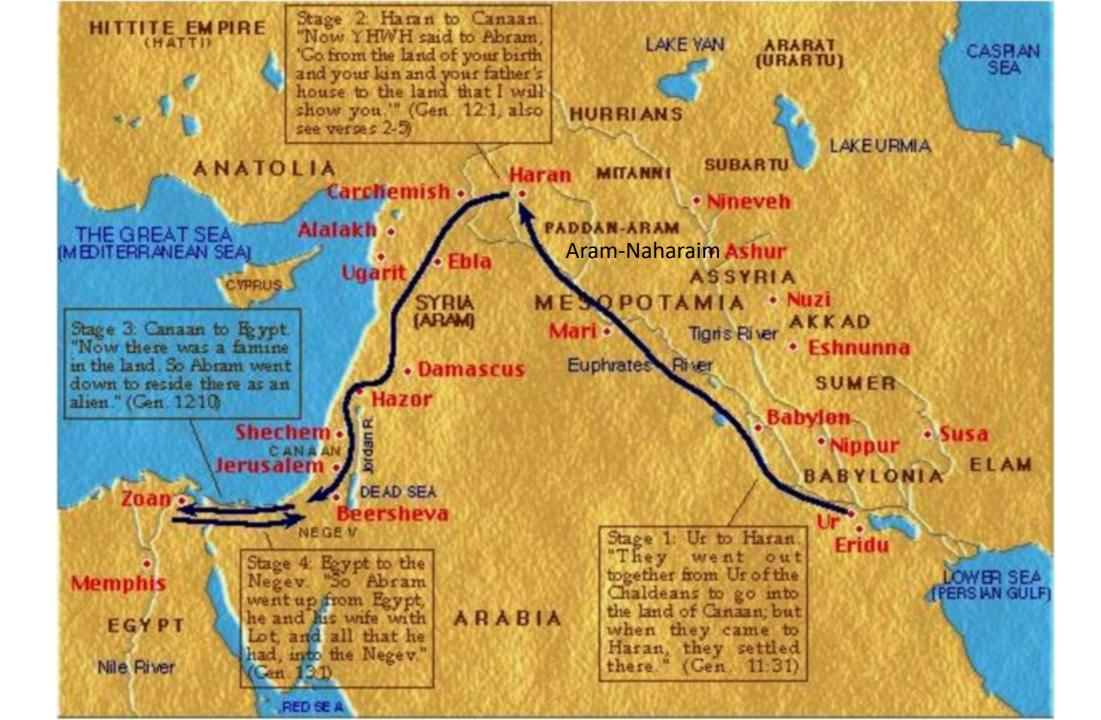
Gen 22:20

Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot (the son of Haran), and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and with them he set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan.

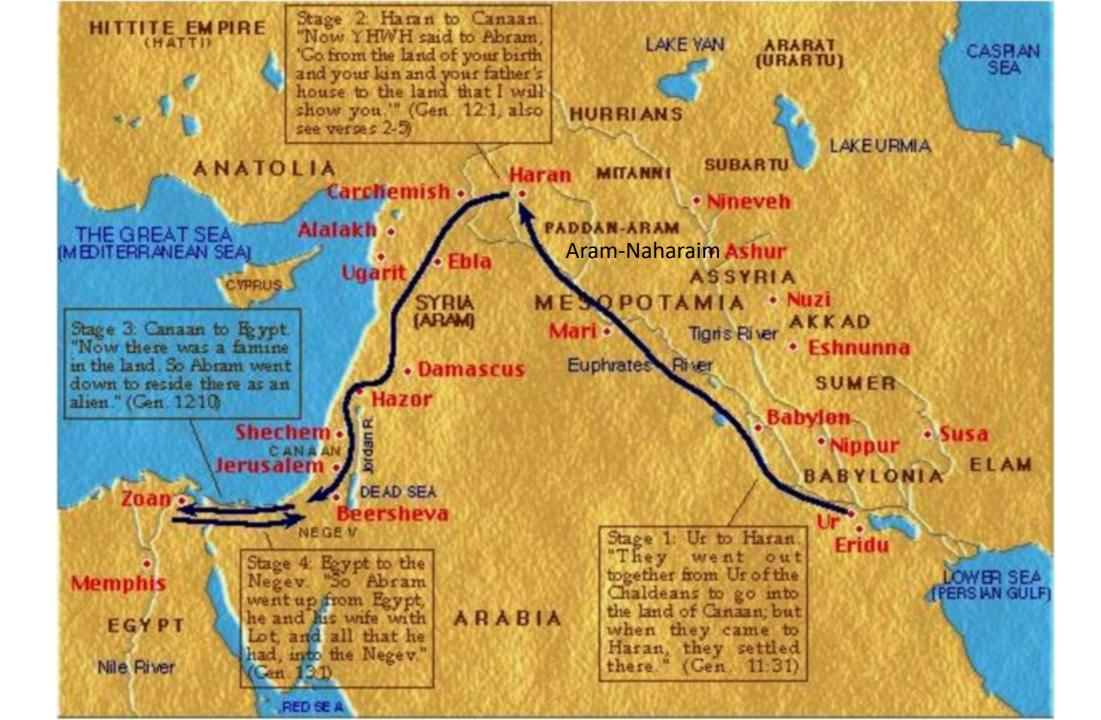
Gen 11:31

You must not acquire a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living. You must go instead to my country and to my relatives to find a wife for my son Isaac."
...He journeyed to the region of Aram Naharaim (=of the two rivers) and the city of Nahor.

Gen 24:3-4,10



Jacob asked them, "My brothers, where are you from?" They replied, "We're from Haran." So he said to them, "Do you know Laban, the grandson of Nahor?" "We know him," they said. "Is he well?" Jacob asked. They replied, "He is well.



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Gen 11:31

"Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation..."

Gen 12:1

Abram's Age Always
Mentioned in the
Context of his
Promised Heir

"Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram." 16:16

"When Abram was **ninety-nine years old** the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may **multiply you greatly**." 17:1

"Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, 'Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" 17:17

"Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him." 21:5

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran

Gen 12:4

But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

And Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they left for the land of Canaan.

- Gen 12:5

Lot's Community

From there [the Community] moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there [Abram] built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.

-12:8

Calling on the Name of the Lord

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.' — Acts 2:21

Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name. – Acts 22:16

Why did Lot Leave?

Lot's Reasons

- Disenfranchisement with his community
- A desire for the world's comforts

Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.

Gen 12:10

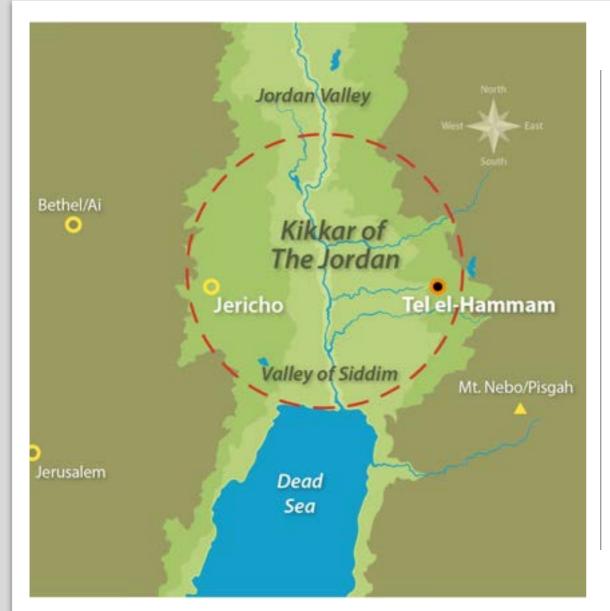
The Land could not Hold Them?

"...and there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. At that time the **Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land**." – 13:7 (cp 12:6)

Lot Never Left Egypt

• Gen 13:5 - And **Abram** took his wife **Sarai**, his nephew **Lot**, and all the **possessions** they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they left for the land of Canaan. They entered the land of Canaan.

 Gen 13:20 - Pharaoh gave his men orders about Abram, and so they (KJV Sent him away) [NET expelled] him, along with his wife and all his possessions.





Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

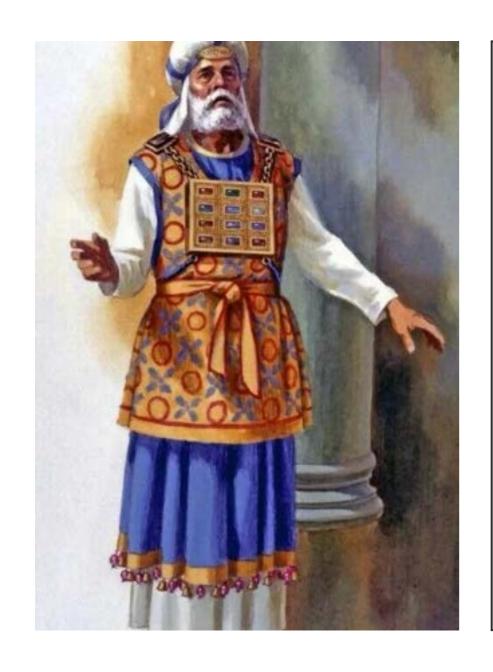
And Lot...had flocks and herds and tents.





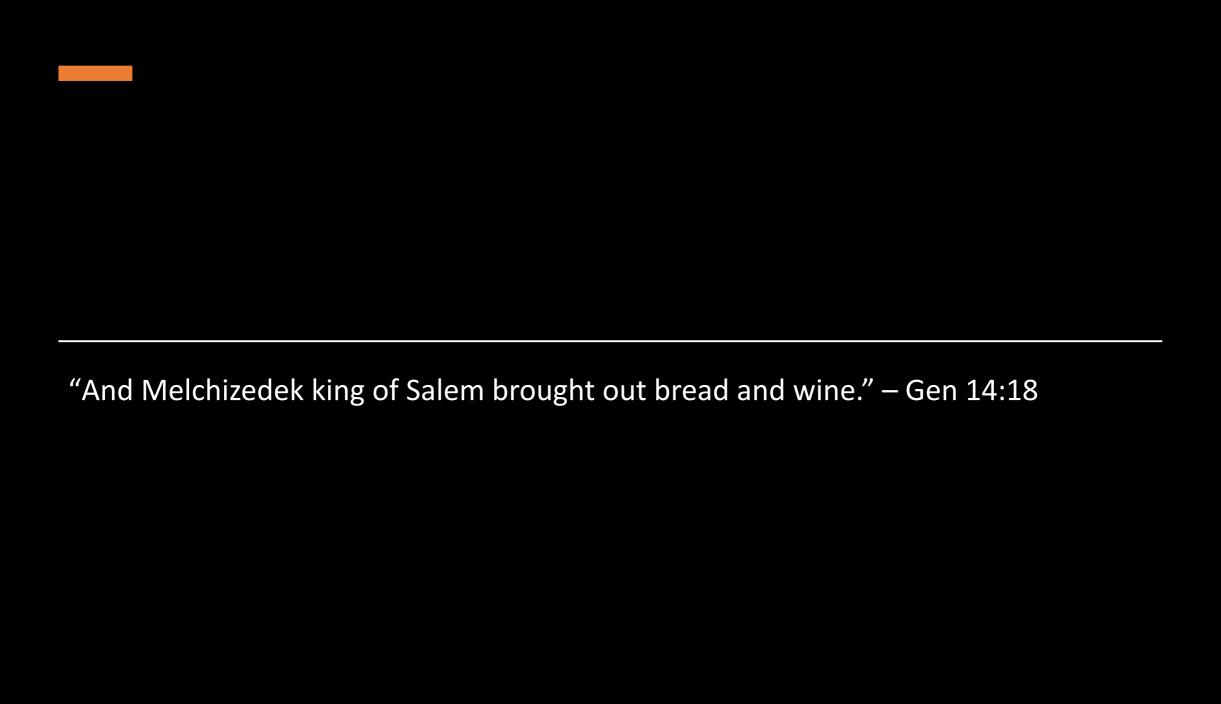
And Abram brought again his brother Lot

12:16



He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

Heb 7:3



Lot in Sodom

Gen 19 – The Importance of Community

- 19:1-2 Lot recognizes the men as angels and desperately wants to be with them
- 19:9 Lot's new community betrays him
- 19:12-15,26,30-38 Lot's family is corrupted by the Sodom community
- 19:30 Lot's experience was so scarring he completely cuts off all human interaction and moves to the hill

"...for while Lot lived [in the community of Sodom] day after day, that righteous man was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard."

2 Pet 2:8

Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—

Luke 17:29

Two Righteous Men, Two Different Approaches

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"And [God] brought [Abram] outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness."

- Gen 15:5



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Our Beautiful Community



Praise Night





Simon Manor Tea

Community Outreach

Fundraisers

Support, Donations, and Care Efforts



Bible School and Youth Conference Season

Study Retreats

Sunday School Picnic



And so much more...

- Baptisms
- Fellowship Nights
- Group walks
- Bible Talks
- CYC
- Sunday School

Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

Heb 11:12

Community < Family

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring (Family), heirs according to promise.

Gal 3:27-29