

Timeline of Truth – Abram Separates from Lot (Gen 13:1-18)

<p>¹ Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South. ² Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.</p>	<p>1. Abram <u>Travels</u> Back to Canaan <i>God had blessed Abram with great wealth.</i></p>
<p>³ And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, ⁴ to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the LORD.</p>	<p>2. Abram <u>Calls</u> on the Name of the LORD <i>Abram gets back to his spiritual moorings.</i> <i>What is YOUR response after you “blow it?”</i></p>
<p>⁵ Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents. ⁶ Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together. ⁷ And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land.</p>	<p>3. Abram and Lot <u>Struggle</u> <i><u>People</u> problems are part of life.</i> <i><u>Economic</u> problems are part of life.</i> <i><u>Major Decisions</u> are part of life.</i> <i>What are the possible responses to this problem?</i></p>
<p>⁸ So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we <i>are</i> brethren. ⁹ "Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If <i>you take</i> the left, then I will go to the right; or, if <i>you go</i> to the right, then I will go to the left."</p>	<p>4. Abram Graciously Gives Lot the <u>Choice</u> <i>What was Abram's response?</i> <i>Would this be your response?</i> <i>What might this say about Abram?</i></p>
<p>¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other.</p>	<p>5. Lot Chooses <u>Poorly</u> (He Sees with His Eyes) <i>Lot chose visually.</i> <i>Lot chose selfishly.</i> <i>Lot chose thoughtlessly.</i></p>
<p>¹² Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched <i>his</i> tent even as far as Sodom.¹³ But the men of Sodom <i>were</i> exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.</p>	<p>6. Abram Follows Through</p> <p>7. Lot Makes More Poor <u>Choices</u> <i>Notice the progression of temptation and sin</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saw • Chose • Journeyed • Dwelt • Pitched
<p>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;¹⁵ "for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. 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, <i>then</i> your descendants also could be numbered. ¹⁷ "Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."</p>	<p>8. God <u>Repeats</u> and <u>Expands</u> His Land Promise</p>
<p>¹⁸ Then Abram moved <i>his</i> tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which <i>are</i> in Hebron, and built an altar there to the LORD.</p>	<p>9. Abram Continues His <u>Worship</u> of God</p>