

Parting Ways and Promises Reaffirmed **Genesis 13:1-18**

Return to Bethel: Abram and Lot are now much richer. 1-5

Emphasis = (1) return to Bethel, where Abram 1st called on God, 12:8; (2) Abram is very rich now and Lot is wealthy too. The result is the land can't support all their livestock.

Riches create conflict: Abram and Lot part ways. 6-13

- A "range war" is erupting between herdsman, as in 26:19-21. This conflict over grazing land is really all about money!
- Why note the Canaanite & Perizzite were in the land? Cf. 12:6
- Abram's generous solution allows Lot first choice of the land. How is Abram's choice instructive for us?
- Lot's greedy selection is all based upon what he sees. What did Lot not consider that he/we should consider?

Reaffirmed promises: Abram will get land/descendants. 14-20

- The land promise in 12:7 is reaffirmed as everlasting, 17:8. His many descendants (*seed* = 3x), 15:5, 22:17, 26:4, 28:14, 32:12.
- Abram is invited to walk the land promised to him. He ends up in Hebron, and 1st thing he does is build an altar for worship.



What parallel do we see with how Abram is called to live and how we are called to live?