

People Around You Are Blessed When You Are Friends
With God



Remember when God told Abram to leave his home town? Do you remember who went with him? Lot, his nephew. Lot followed Abram to his new home in Canaan, then to Egypt, and back to Canaan. Well, just because Lot was with Abram, doing much of what he saw Abram doing, Lot prospered. Prospering means that he began to have a lot of things like animals and servants.



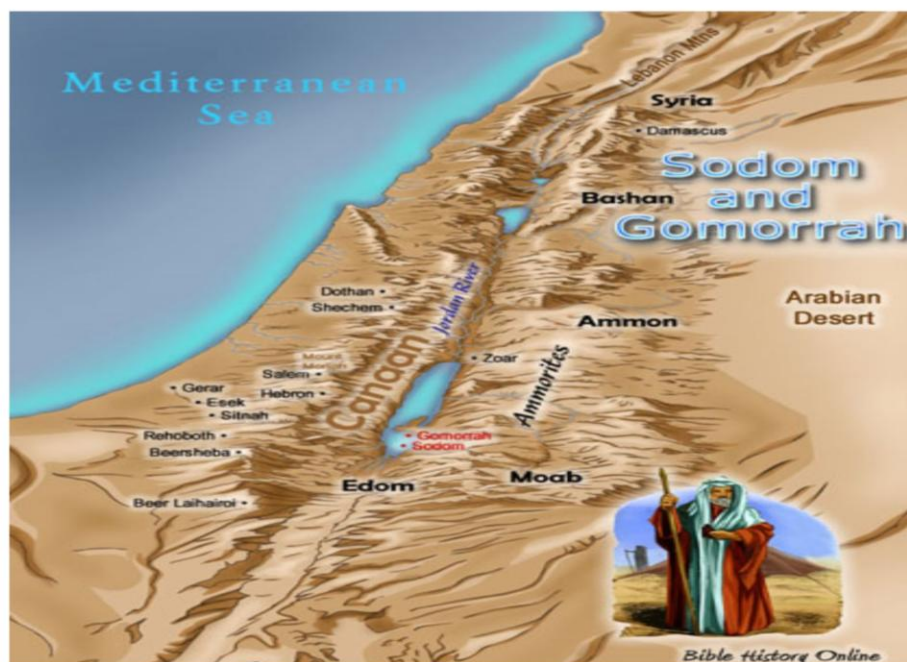


Lot's possessions grew so much that he and Abram could see that a time was coming where they could not live together. They decided to move away from each other so that they did not fight over the land supporting their animals. Abram gave Lot first choice to find a new place to live.

Lot chose a place where there was plenty of land and plenty of water. It was also near two great cities. Lot just knew he had made a wise choice. So, Lot packed all his belongings and moved.



Soon after Lot moved, God told Abram to walk as far as he wanted north, south, east and west from his home. God said any place that Abram walked would belong to him and his descendants forever. Abram still didn't have any children, but God told him would have so many descendants that no man would be able to count them.



Remember Lot decided to move near two great cities? Those cities were Sodom and Gomorrah. These two cities joined three other cities in a war against four other cities. Sodom, Gomorrah, and the other three cities lost the war. The winning cities took whatever they wanted from the losers. Lot lived so close to the cities that the winners took whatever they wanted from Lot and took Lot and his servants as slaves. One of Lot's servants escaped and ran to tell Abram what happened.



Abram took 318 trained men, that were also his servants, and fought the soldiers from the four cities to get Lot and all his servants and property back. Abram won that fight and took back everyone and everything that was taken. He also took everything else the losing kings had with them. Let's see, 318 men against four large cities of men. Do you think they had help? From who?

One of the Kings who Abram returned people and property was also a Priest of God. He blessed Abram and praised God. He told everyone that God helped Abram win the fight.



Abram returned everything that had been taken from the losing cities. He also gave 10% of all that remained to the King that was also a Priest. The things that remained were divided among the people that fought with Abram. Abram took nothing for himself.

They were all blessed because of Abram's relationship with God. Abram did not take anything from the battle because he did not want anyone to think they helped him get rich. He was rich only because of God.