



Abram's Three Interactions after he returns to Canaan

Genesis 13-15



Overview

- Abram's main interactions with
 - Lot (Man) – Genesis 13
 - Melchizedek (The Priest of God) – Genesis 14
 - God - Genesis

Interaction with Lot

Abram	Lot
Offered the first choice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phillipians 2:3	He took it and didn't offer it back
He stood by his word and chose Canaan (Genesis 13:12) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lord reaches out to Abram (Genesis 13:14)• Abram dwelled by the terebinth trees of Mamre• & built an alter to the Lord (Genesis 13:18)	He chose the plain of Jordan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watered everywhere like garden of Eden and Egypt• Dwelt in the cities of the plain (Genesis 13:12)• Pitched his tent even as afar as Sodom (Genesis 13:13)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambitious Christian (2 Peter 2:7,8)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He saw, chose, and lived there



Before interacting with Melchizedek

- **Context:**
 - Chedorlaomer, King of Elam (Persia) ruled the land adjacent to the Dead Sea for 13 years
 - 5 captive kings rebelled against Chedorlaomer
 - Chedorlaomer with the help three kings from the region of Babylon fight the rebels
 - The battle takes place in the Valley of Siddim which was full of asphalt pits
 - Chedorlaomer wins the battle and march north with Lot and others
 - Abram with 318 trained men defeat Chedorlaomer and **rescue Lot**

Interaction with Melchizedek

Abram	Melchizedek
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abram accepts the bread and wine• Abram accepts the blessing• Abram tithes of all (1/10) his captured prizes (Hebrews 7:2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He offered the bread and wine to Abram (Genesis 14:18)• He blessed Abram (Genesis 14:19,20)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Melchizedek means “King of Righteousness” (Hebrews 7:2)• Melchizedek was the King of Salem & Salem means “King of Peace” (Hebrews 7:3)• No genealogy mentioned• Order of Melchizedek which is forever (Psalms 110:4)• Melchizedek was a mortal

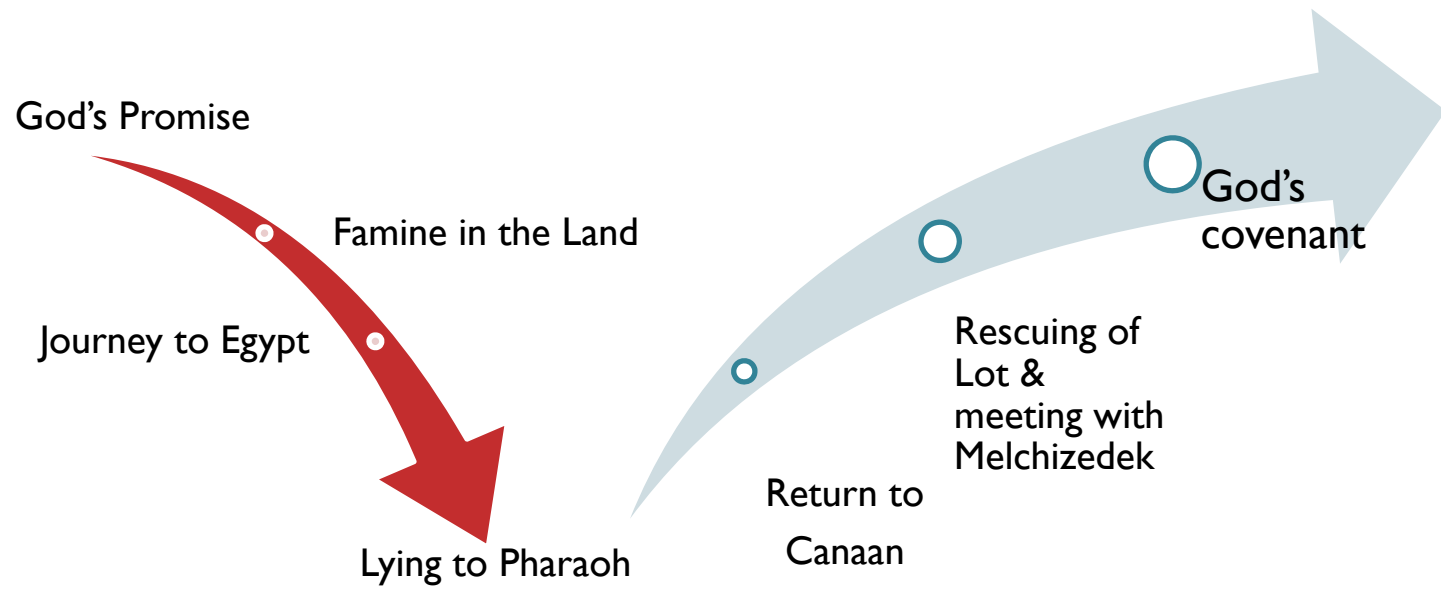
Bottom line: Abram met a royal priest and the priest initiated the interaction. Abram recognized Melchizedek and interacted with him. Melchizedek is a picture of Christ but Christ is far greater



Interaction with God

- Intimate discussion with God about God's promise to Abram
- Abram doubts God's promise (Genesis 15:2)
- God points him to the stars (Genesis 16:5)
 - Genesis 12:2
 - Genesis 13:16
 - Genesis 17:6
- God provides specific timelines for unconditional covenant

Pattern





Application

- **Abram's struggles and God's plan**
 - Spiritual view – Returning to Canaan
 - Worldly view – Coming back with wealth
- **Abram is compared to:**
 - Man – Pharaoh, King of Sodom
 - Worldly Christian Man – Lot
 - Godly man (almost like Christ) – Melchizedek
- **Abram's biggest asset (Isaac) and Abram's submission to God.**