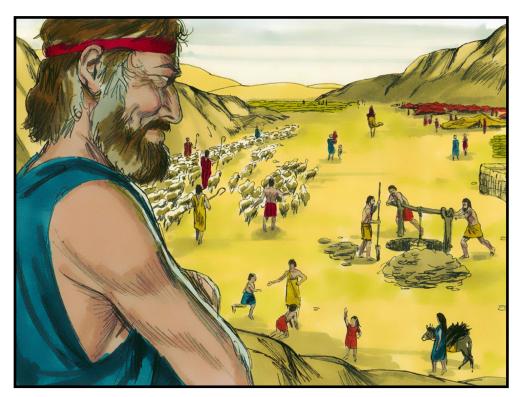
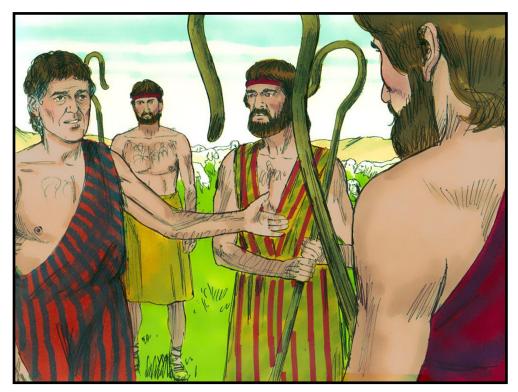


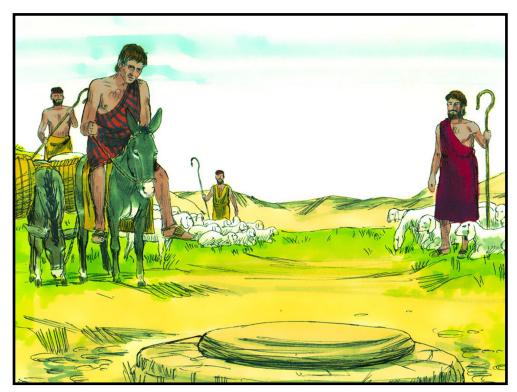
Abram and his nephew Lot, along with their families and all their animals, settled in a place called Bethel. They lived in the land with another group of people called the Canaanites. Abram became very rich because the LORD blessed him with livestock, silver, and gold.



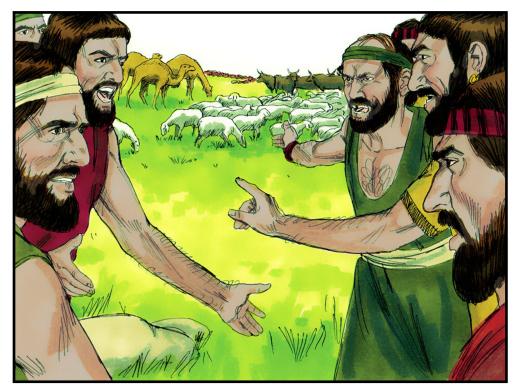
Abram's nephew Lot also had a lot of flocks, herds, and servants.



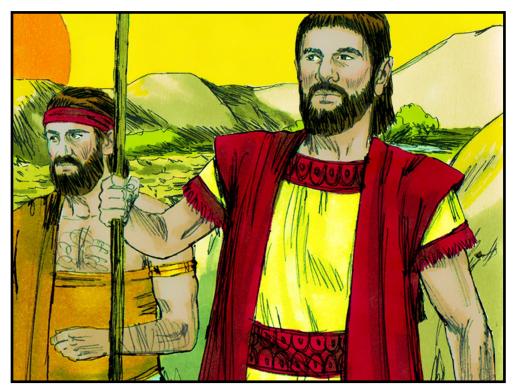
Abram and Lot tried to live close together, but there was not enough grass in the pasture for *both* of their flocks to eat.



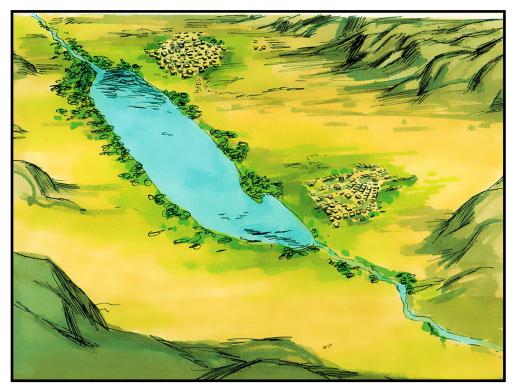
There was also not enough water in the well for both of their families and animals to drink.



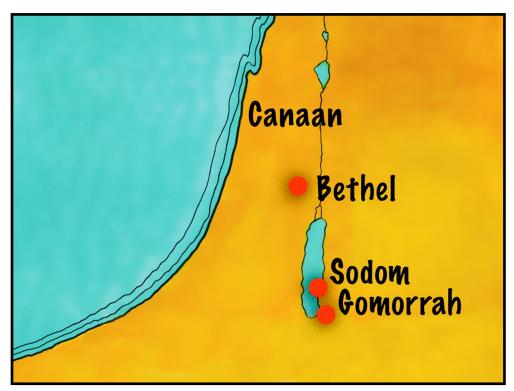
Abram and Lot's servants who were supposed to watch the animals began to argue with one another. The land simply could not support both groups.



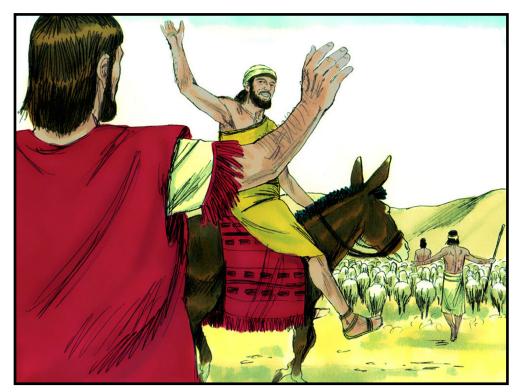
Abram said to Lot, "Let's do something so that our servants won't argue with one another. There is a lot of land here. If you go to the right, I will go to the left. If you go to the left, I will go to the right."



Lot looked and saw that the land around the Jordan River and the Dead Sea was very good. The plants grew easily, and there was a lot of water.



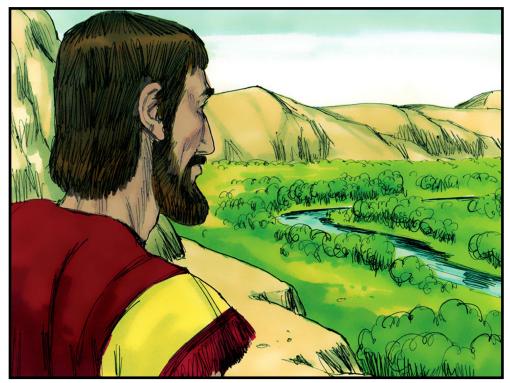
However, the people living in the land were very evil. There were two cities where the people were *especially* bad. These two places were called Sodom and Gomorrah.



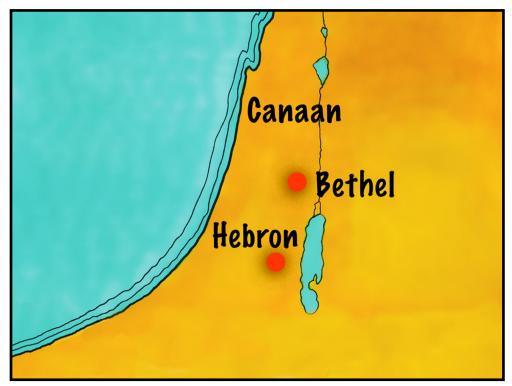
Despite the sinfulness there, Lot, his family, and all of his animals moved to the land around Sodom and Gomorrah. Once they arrived, they pitched their tents and began to settle.



After Lot left, the LORD said to Abram, "Look all around you. All the land that you see is for you and your family forever—your children, your grandchildren, and your great grandchildren."



God said, "I will make your family so big that it will be like the amount of dust particles on the ground—impossible to count. Go ahead and walk through the land, for I am giving it to you."



So Abram went in the other direction of his nephew Lot. He settled his family and his animals around a place called Hebron.



There, Abram pitched tents for his family to live in. After doing so, he built an altar to God and worshipped the LORD in his new home.

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