



## Introduction

*Abram and Lot separate*



## Questions

1. How did Abram deal with the strife between his and Lot's herdsman?
2. Why did Lot choose to go to the plain of Jordan?
3. Why was Lot's decision to move to live near Sodom not a good one?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 9** Abram and his nephew Lot leave Egypt and move back to Bethel (see map) where they have to separate because of shortage of pasture for their herds
- **v 10 to 13** Lot chooses to live in the well-watered plain of Jordan near the wicked men of Sodom, so Abram stays in Canaan
- **v 14 to 18** God shows Abram the promised land (see theme) and tells him that his offspring will be as numerous as the dust of the earth. Abram moves to Hebron (see map) where he builds an altar

**Timeline** to 2000 BC (see below)



## Theme / Information

### The promised land

*A selection of verses showing that God makes promises about a land to Abraham, the father of the Jews.*

God invites Abram (later Abraham) to leave Ur of the Chaldees to go to another land:

*Genesis 12 verse 1*

Abram obeys God. When he arrives in the land, God promises to give it to him and to his offspring:

*Genesis 13 verses 14 and 15*

The writer to the Hebrews confirms this:

*Hebrews 11 verses 8 and 9*

God defines the extent of the promised land, which is identifiable territory in the Middle East:

*Genesis 15 verse 18*

The nation of Israel takes the land after the exodus from Egypt. Their control reaches its full extent in king Solomon's reign, but is then reduced again:

*2 Chronicles 9 verse 26*

Abraham does not receive the promised land in his lifetime:



*Acts 7 verse 5*

However, God’s promises are always fulfilled and he will receive it when the Kingdom of God is established on the earth. Jesus tells his enemies that they will not be there:

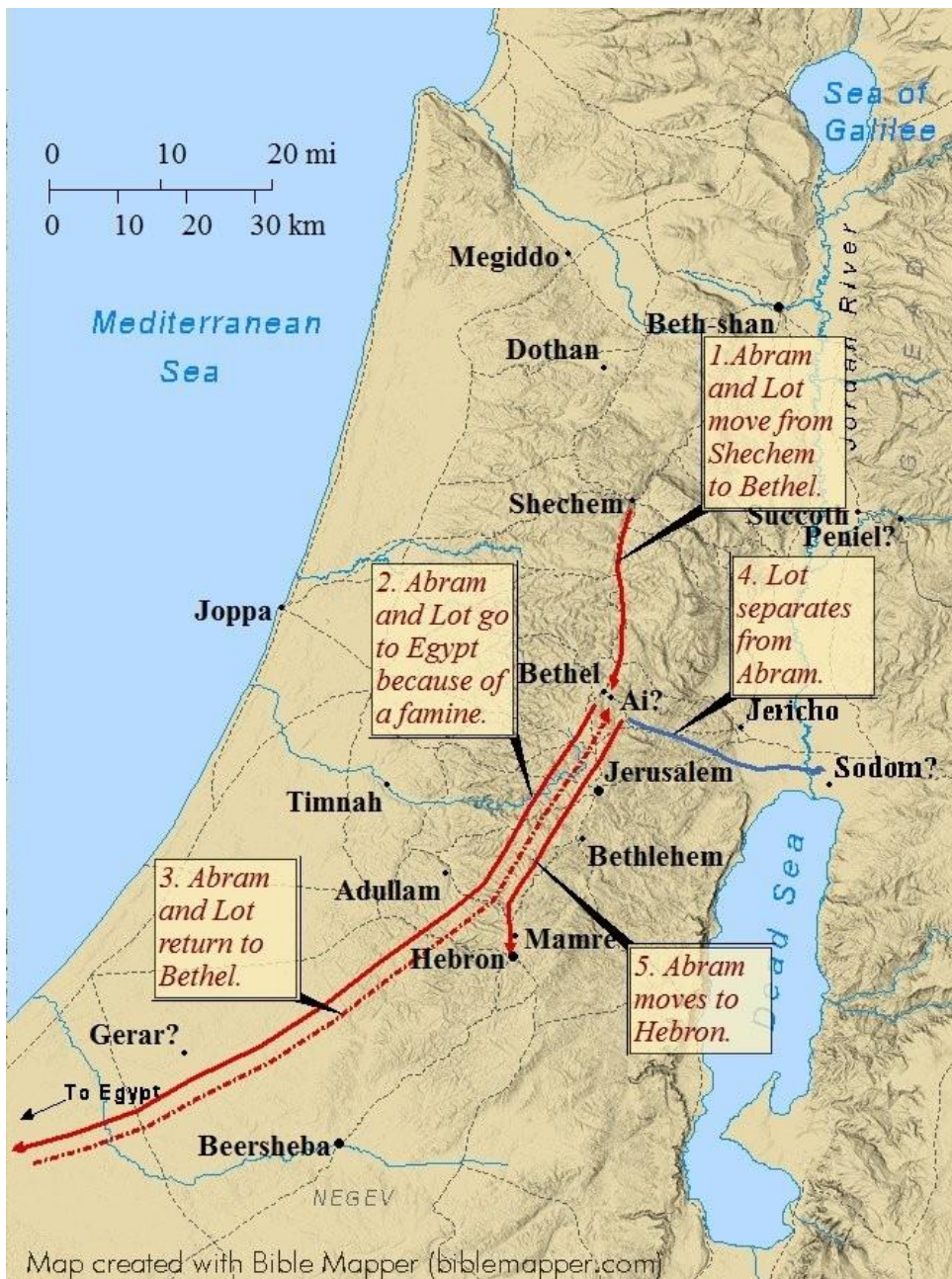
*Luke 13 verse 28*

The promised land, with its capital city Jerusalem, is destined to be the centre of God’s Kingdom on earth:

*Micah 4 verses 2 and 3*

**Abram's travels - Shechem to Egypt and back to Canaan**

Map of Abram's journey from Shechem to Egypt and back to Canaan where he spends some time in Bethel and Hebron (Genesis 12 and 13).





## ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions

Q 1: v 8 and 9, Q 2: v 10, Q 3: v 13

### Bible timeline

