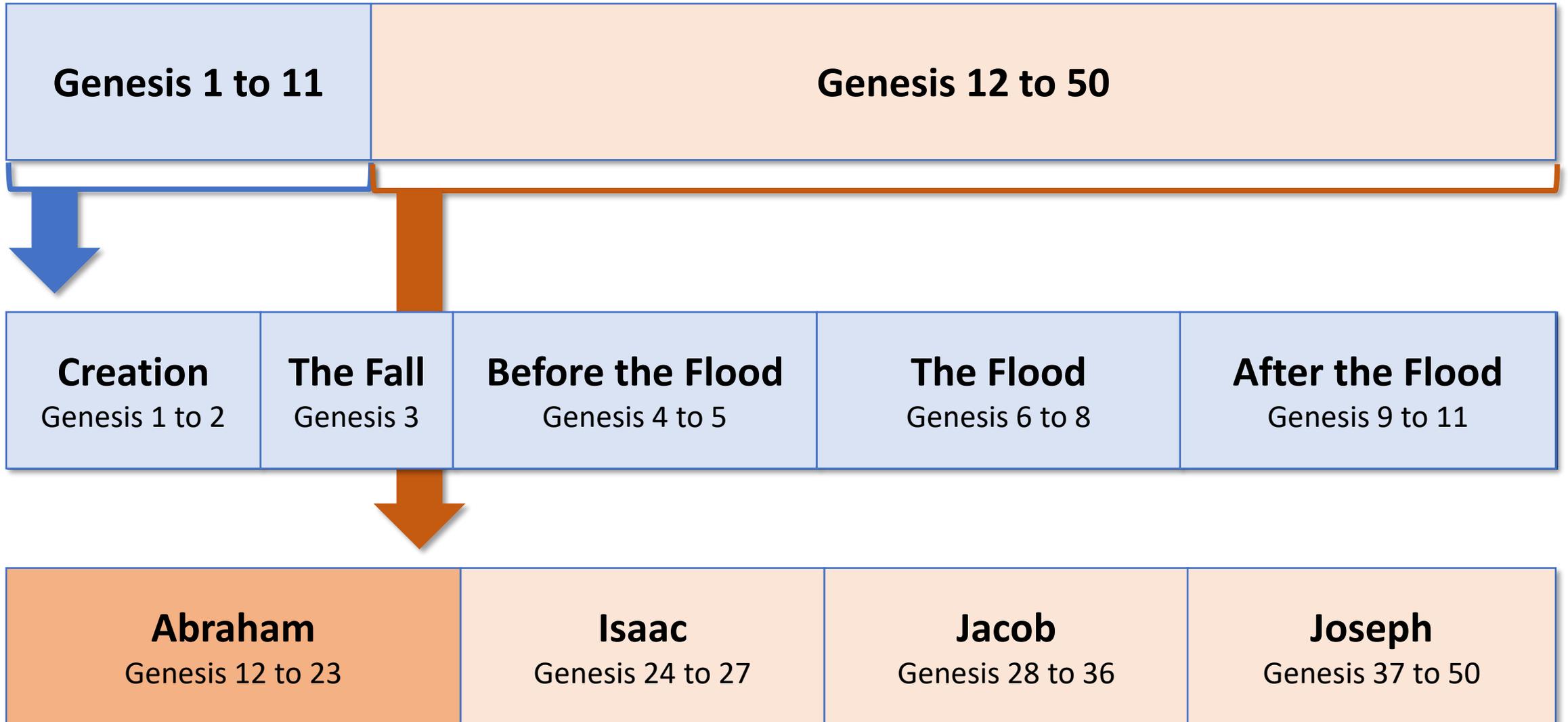


Genesis

The Book of Beginnings

8. Abraham and Lot

An outline of the Book of Genesis *



* Approximate chapter divisions only

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So, what is happening here?

- ✓ The Lord is creating a nation ready for **the incarnation** of the eternal Son of God.
- ✓ The Lord is establishing **faith and obedience** as the way of salvation for all His people.
- ✓ The Lord is showing **transforming grace** to Abram **to achieve His purposes**.

Abraham and Lot

1. Abram goes to Egypt (with Lot) (Genesis 12:10-20)
2. Abram separates from Lot (Genesis 13)
3. Abram rescues Lot (Genesis 14)

Abram goes to Egypt

Now there was a **famine** in the land.
So Abram went down to Egypt
to sojourn there, for
the famine was severe in the land.
(Genesis 12:10)



Abram goes to Egypt

“I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live.

Genesis 20:12

“**Say you are my sister,** that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.”

(Genesis 12:11-13)

Sarah was about 65 years old.
(She lived to 127)

Abram goes to Egypt

And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her,
they praised her to Pharaoh.

And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

And for her sake he dealt well with Abram;
and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants,
female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

The bride price?

But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house
with **great plagues** because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

(Genesis 12:15-17)

Abram goes to Egypt

So Pharaoh called Abram and said...

“Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’
so that I took her for my wife?”

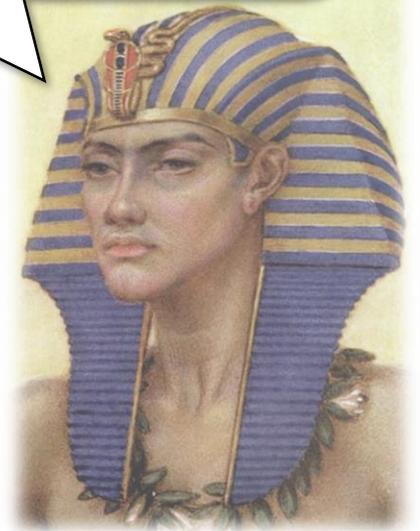
“Now then, here is your wife; **take her, and go.**”

And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him,
and they sent him away **with his wife
and all that he had.**

(Genesis 12:18-20)

“Up, **go out** from
among my people...
Take your flocks
and your herds...
and **bless me also!**”

(Exodus 12:31-32)



Abram goes to Egypt

What might Abram have learned from this?

1. That he should seek the Lord first before moving.
2. That his clever plans are easily defeated.
3. That God is faithful to His promises.

Abram separates from Lot – Genesis 13

So Abram went up from Egypt...
and Lot with him...

And he journeyed... as far as Bethel
to the place where his tent
had been **at the beginning**,
between Bethel and Ai,
to the place where he had
made an altar **at the first**.

And there Abram called
upon the name of the LORD.

(Genesis 13:1-4)



Abram separates from Lot

And Lot, **who went with Abram**, also had flocks and herds and tents, so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together...

and **there was strife** between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock.

At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land.

(Genesis 13:5-6)

Abram separates from Lot

Let there be no strife
between you and me
...for we are kinsmen.
Separate yourself from me.

If you take the left hand,
then I will go to the right,
or
if you take the right hand,
then I will go to the left.

And **Lot lifted up his eyes**
and saw that the Jordan Valley
was well watered everywhere
like the garden of the LORD...

So **Lot chose for himself** all the Jordan Valley,
and Lot journeyed east.
...and moved his tent as far as **Sodom**.

(See Genesis 13:8-13)

Abram separates from Lot

The LORD said to Abram, **after Lot had separated from him,**
“**Lift up your eyes** and look from the place where you are,
northward and southward and eastward and westward,
for all the land that you see **I will give to you**
and to your offspring forever.

“I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth,
so that if one can count the dust of the earth,
your offspring also can be counted.

“Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land,
for **I will give it to you.**”

(Genesis 13:14-17)

Abram and Lot



So, what's the difference?



Abram

Lot

Abram is trusting in
the **promises** of God

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the **sight** of his eyes

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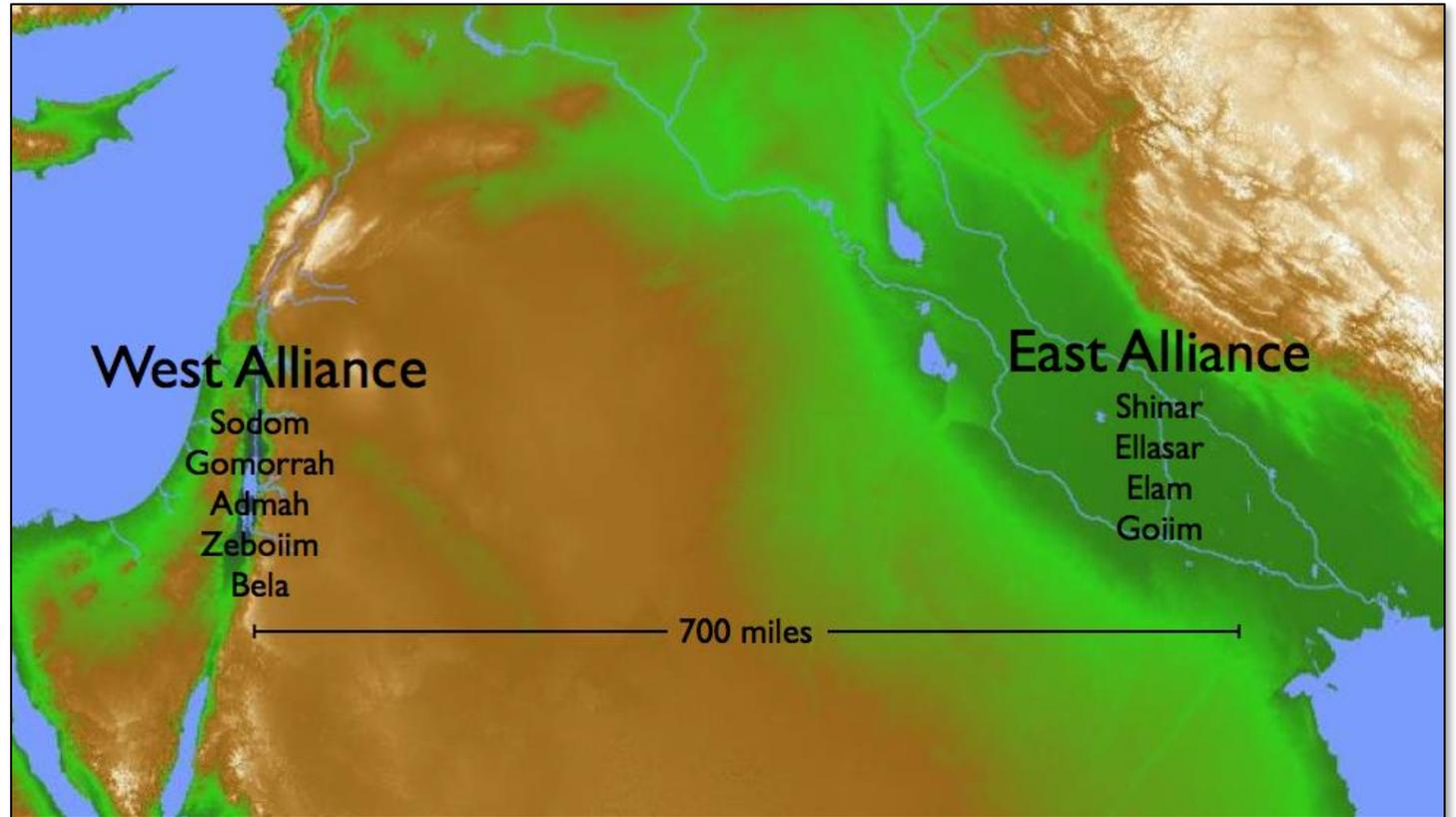
The first war and the rebellion – Genesis 14

And it came to pass in the days of

- Amraphel king of Shinar,
- Arioch king of Ellasar,
- Chedorlaomer king of Elam,
- Tidal king of nations,

that **they made war** with

- Bera king of Sodom,
- Birsha king of Gomorrah,
- Shinab king of Admah,
- Shemeber king of Zeboiim,
- the king of Bela (that is, Zoar).



All these joined together in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea).

They served Chedorlaomer for 12 years, and **in the 13th year they rebelled.**

(Genesis 14:1-4)

Crushing the rebellion

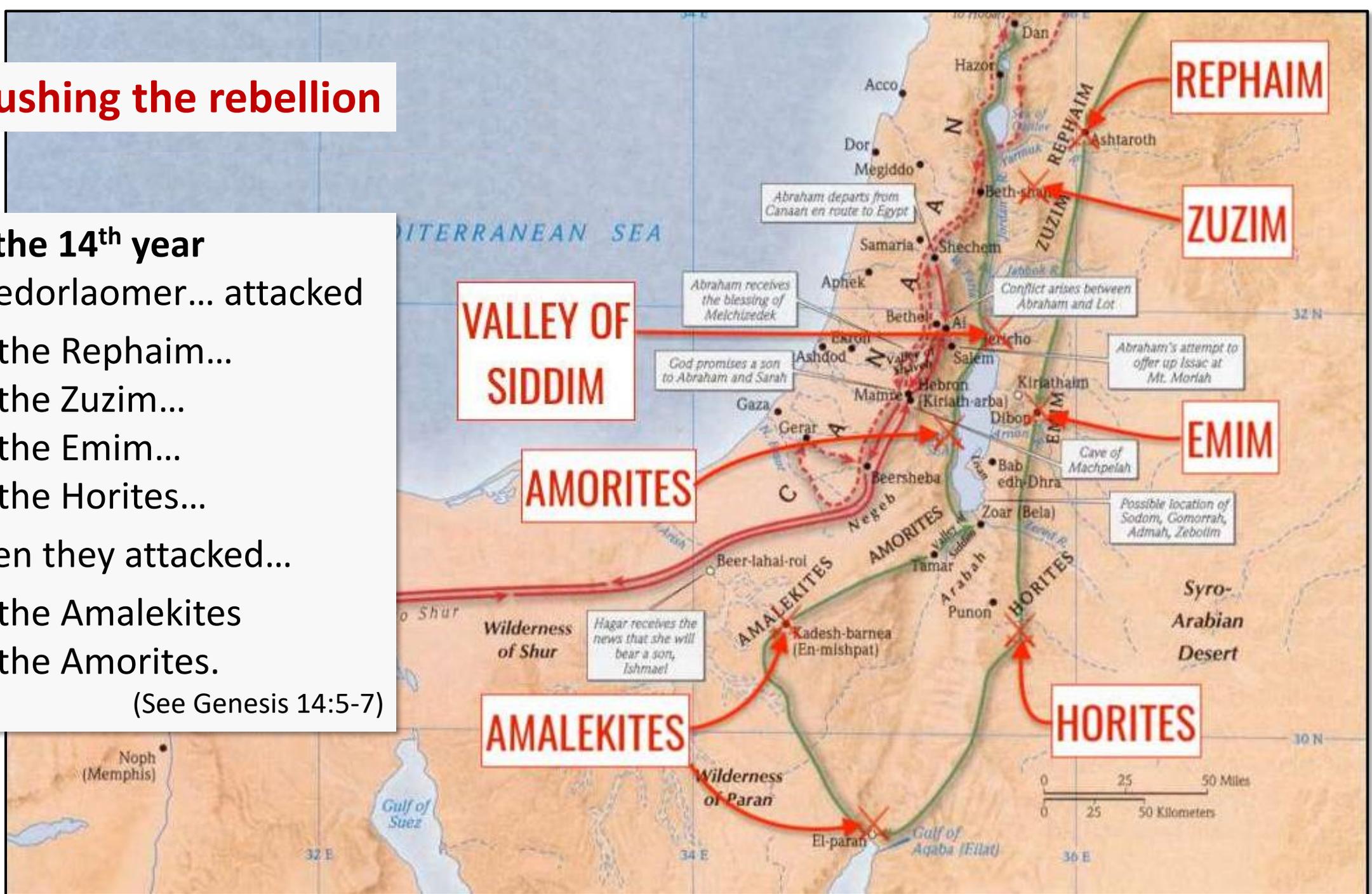
In the 14th year
Chedorlaomer... attacked

- the Rephaim...
- the Zuzim...
- the Emim...
- the Horites...

Then they attacked...

- the Amalekites
- the Amorites.

(See Genesis 14:5-7)



Abram rescues Lot

After his return...
the king of Sodom
went out to meet him...

Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
**who has delivered your enemies
into your hand!**

And **Melchizedek king** of Salem
brought out bread and wine.
(He was **priest** of God Most High.)

El Elyon

...**made like the Son of God**
he continues a priest forever.
(Hebrews 7:3)

And Abram gave him
a tenth of everything.

(See Genesis 14:17-20)

Abram rescues Lot

And the king of Sodom said to Abram,

“Give me the persons,
but take the goods for yourself.”

Abram’s right
as victor

But Abram said to the king of Sodom,

Taken an oath

“I have lifted my hand to **the LORD, God Most High**,
Possessor of heaven and earth,
that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap
or anything that is yours, lest you should say,
‘I have made Abram rich.’”

(Genesis 14:21-23)

Abram rescues Lot

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“**Fear not**, Abram, **I am your shield**; your reward shall be very great.”

(Genesis 15:1)

From the kings
in the east

You have
lost nothing

Abram and Lot – seen from the New Testament

By faith Abraham obeyed

when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance....

By faith he went to live in the land of promise...

For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

(See Hebrews 11:8-10)

He [God] rescued

righteous Lot,

greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked

(for as **that righteous man lived among them day after day,**

he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard)...

(2 Peter 2:7-8)

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We can see the difference

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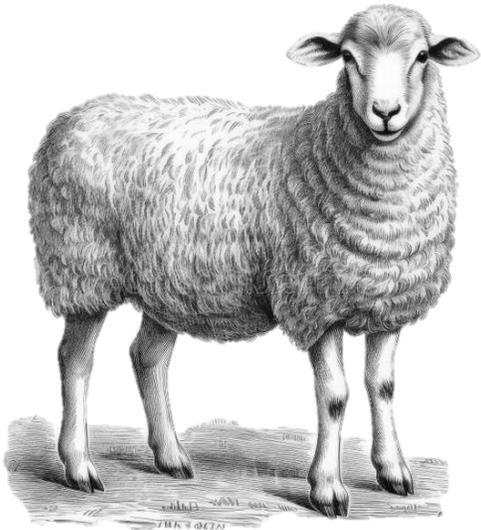
Abram is experiencing
the **faithfulness** of God
and is being changed

Lot is entangled in
Sodom's **corruption**
and will lose everything

Walking in the steps of Abraham

The God
of Abraham

**The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.**



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Abraham

- ✓ Called to “get out”
- ✓ Called to the adventure of faith
- ✓ Called to be different and to make a difference

God is faithful,
by whom you were called
into the fellowship of His Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
(1 Corinthians 1:9)