



# VOICE: CHOICE & CONSEQUENCES

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## THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE HEART

WHAT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN A PERSONS' ENVIRONMENT, IS WHAT'S INSIDE OF ONE'S OWN HEART OR SPIRIT!

WHAT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN HAVING A FREE CHOICE TO MAKE, IS WHERE A FREE CHOICE, ONCE MADE, WILL TAKE YOU & WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT CHOICE WILL BE.

CHOICE ALWAYS REVEALS THE INNER HEART OF A HUMAN BEING.

IN THIS STUDY OF CHOICES & CONSEQUENCES, WE WILL GO TO GENESIS CHAPTER 13:1-10.

**"AND ABRAM WENT UP OUT OF EGYPT, HE, AND HIS WIFE, & ALL THAT HE HAD, & LOT WITH HIM, INTO THE SOUTH. (THE NEGEB, THE DESERT SOUTH OF JUDAH).**

**ABRAM = HIGH FATHER** = THE ORIGINAL NAME OF ABRAHAM, THE MAN OF FAITH. BECAUSE OF A FAMINE, HE HAD TAKEN HIS FAMILY FROM THE PROMISED LAND DOWN INTO EGYPT. **'LOT'** HIS NEPHEW, WENT WITH HIM, & CAME BACK WITH HIM., FOR LOT KNEW GOD WAS BLESSING ABRAM. (ABRAM IS MENTIONED **61** TIMES IN THE BIBLE, LOT IS MENTIONED **33** TIMES).

**"AND ABRAM WAS VERY RICH IN CATTLE, IN SILVER, AND IN GOLD."**

BECAUSE ABRAM LISTENED TO THE LORD GOD, AND OBEYED, LEAVING HIS ORIGINAL HOMETLAND IN UR OF THE CHALDEES (BABYLONIA/IRAQ) FOR A PROMISED LAND THAT GOD PROMISED, ABRAM'S LIFE WAS BLESSED MIGHTILY.

AND, LOT, ABRAM'S NEPHEW WAS VERY FORTUNATE IN BEING UNDER THE BLESSING, PROVISION & CARE OF ABRAM.

**"AND HE WENT ON HIS JOURNEYS FROM THE SOUTH (NEGEB), EVEN TO BETHEL, UNTO THE PLACE WHERE HIS TENT HAD BEEN AT THE BEGINNING, BETWEEN BETHEL AND HAI ; (A1).**

**JOURNEY** = DEPARTURE. A POINT OF DEPARTURE. MOVING THE TENT,

LEAVING EGYPT FOR THE PROMISED LAND, AGAIN.

**EVEN TO BETHEL** = HOUSE OF GOD. MENTIONED **66 +4= 70** TIMES.

**"UNTO THE PLACE OF THE ALTAR, WHICH HE HAD MADE THERE AT THE FIRST: & THERE ABRAM CALLED ON THE NAME OF THE LORD.**

**PLACE OF THE ALTAR** = PLACE OF SACRIFICE. WHERE ABRAM MADE SACRIFICE OF HIS WILL & WAYS TO THE LORD GOD, & CALLED OUT TO THE LORD BY NAME, & PROCLAIMED HIM AS GOD.

**"AND LOT ALSO, WHICH WENT WITH ABRAM, HAD FLOCKS, HERDS & TENTS.**

NOTICE HERE, THAT SILVER & GOLD IS NOT MENTIONED AS WEALTH THAT LOT HIMSELF POSSESSED.

**"AND THE LAND WAS NOT ABLE TO BEAR THEM, THAT THEY MIGHT DWELL TOGETHER: FOR THEIR SUBSTANCE WAS GREAT, SO THAT THEY COULD NOT DWELL TOGETHER.**

THE GRASSLAND IN THIS AREA WAS NOT ENOUGH TO GRAZE THE COMBINED CATTLE OF ABRAM & LOT.

**"AND THERE WAS A STRIFE BETWEEN THE HERDSMEN OF ABRAM'S CATTLE & THE HERDSMEN OF LOT'S CATTLE: & THE CANAANITE & THE PERIZZITE DWELLED THEN IN THE LAND.**

**STRIFE** = A CONTEST (PERSONAL OR LEGAL) CONTENTION, CHIDING, CONTROVERSY, STRIVING.

SOMETIMES EVEN AN ABUNDANCE OF MATERIAL THINGS CAN BE A HUB OF STRIFE. ESPECIALLY ALONG WITH OUTSIDE PRESSURE BY OTHERS.

**CANAANITE** = A PEOPLE WHO ISSUED OUT OF NOAH'S SON **HAM**. AFTER THE FLOOD SUBSIDED, **HAM** FATHERED **CANAAN**. BUT **HAM** DISHONORED HIS FATHER NOAH, & HIS SON **CANAAN** WAS NOT BLESSED, BUT CURSED INSTEAD. **THE**

**CANAANITES** BECAME PEDLARS, MERCHANTS, TRAFFICKERS. THE SAME AS THE ISHMAELITES WHO TRAVELED BY CARAVANS IN A LAND PROMISED TO ABRAM.

**PERIZZITE** = ONE OF THE MANY CANAANITE TRIBES, THEN DWELLING IN THE LAND PROMISED TO ABRAM.

**"AND ABRAM SAID TO LOT, LET THERE BE NO STRIFE, I PRAY THEE, BETWEEN ME & THEE, & BETWEEN MY HERDSMEN & THY HERDSMEN; FOR WE BE BRETHREN.**

LET THERE BE NO PROVOCATION OR QUARRELING BETWEEN FAMILY MEMBERS

**"IS NOT THE WHOLE LAND BEFORE THEE? SEPARATE THYSELF, I PRAY THEE, FROM ME: IF THOU WILT TAKE THE LEFT HAND, THEN I WILL GO TO THE RIGHT; OR IF THOU DEPART TO THE RIGHT HAND, THEN I WILL GO TO THE LEFT.**

THE CHOICE IS YOURS, LOT! ABRAM VALUED FAMILY PEACE, AND GOD'S BLESSING ALWAYS FOLLOWED HIM, WHERE EVER HE WENT.

**"AND LOT LIFTED UP HIS EYES, & BEHELD ALL THE PLAIN OF JORDAN, THAT IT WAS WELL WATERED EVERYWHERE, BEFORE THE LORD DESTROYED SODOM & GOMORRAH, EVEN AS THE GARDEN OF THE LORD, LIKE THE LAND OF EGYPT AS THOU COMEST UNTO ZOAR.**

LOT CHOSE THE VERY BEST GRASSLAND FOR HIMSELF! YES LIKE THE GARDEN OF THE LORD = EDEN = DELIGHT! A PERFECT CHOICE...

BUT HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT PARTICULAR CHOICE WOULD BE IN THE COMING FUTURE WITH THE MORAL CORRUPTION OF MAN. THE SODOMITES & GOMORRAHITES WOULD SACRIFICE ALL OF THIS NATURAL GARDENLIKE ENVIRONMENT FOR UNNATURAL PLEASURES & CONSEQUENT DESTRUCTION BY THE HOLY LORD GOD CREATOR.