

## **Video 10: separation between Abram and Lot**

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Abram is traveling through the country God has promised to be his country. Do you see? He is a rich man! He has lots of animals and many servants. His nephew Lot is also with him. He is a rich man as well!

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Wherever they stop, they put up their tents. They dig a water well to find water so the animals can drink. How many animals do you see? They are very rich!

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Every day Abram's servants have to find a place where they can find food for their sheep. Lot's shepherds also go around to find a place where their animals can graze.

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At the end of the day the shepherds of Abram and the shepherds of Lot come to a place where they can get water for their sheep. Do you see the well?

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After some time problems start because both of these man, Abram and Lot, have not only sheep, but also cows, camels and... there is just not enough space for all these animals to find grass. Slowly the servants of Abram and the servants of Lot become angry at each other. They quarrel and they say: "We were the first ones here! Find another place!" "No! This is our space!" It becomes a real problem.

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When Abram hears about the servants quarreling, he says to his nephew Lot: "This can't be. We are brothers. We are family!" The Lord doesn't want us to quarrel with each other. He wants us to love each other. That is why Abram says to Lot : "Come, let us find a beautiful spot."

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They climb on a high hill, so that they can see a big portion of the Promised Land. Abram says: "When you look around you can see there is space enough for both of us. You can choose where you want to live. When you go to the left side, I'll go to the right. But when you want to go to the right side, I will go to the left."

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That is not a difficult question for Lot. He looks around. He sees a beautiful place where there are lots of water. Wow! There is enough grass to eat and enough water to drink for all the animals! Lot is thinking: "That's where I want to stay!" He doesn't think about his uncle Abram! He doesn't say: "You are older than I am. You can choose first." He is just selfish! He is only thinking about himself!

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“Bye bye uncle! I will live in the green valley!” There Lot goes, with his animals. But in that green valley there are also some cities where a lot of sinful people live. How dangerous can that be?

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What about Abram? Where will he live? God says to him: “Look around! Look at the north, the south, the east and the west. All the land that you see, I will give to you and your offspring forever. This land will be for you and all your offspring that I have promised you.’

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Then Abram travels through this whole country, from place to place. Finally he puts up his tent under a big oak, close to Hebron.

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Abram builds an altar. He knows that it doesn't matter where he stays, as long as the Lord is with him.