
Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Gen. 12	Yahweh appears to <u>A</u> bram; Sarai is taken to Pharaoh's house
Tuesday:	Gen. 13	<u>A</u> bram and Lot separate
Wednesday:	Gen. 14 - 15	The battle between the 4 kings and the 5 kings; Lot's captivity and rescue; Malkit <u>s</u> edeq and <u>A</u> bram's tithe
Thursday:	Gen. 16	Yishma'el is born to Hagar
Friday:	Gen. 17	Yahweh re-establishes His covenant with <u>A</u> bram; Circumcision

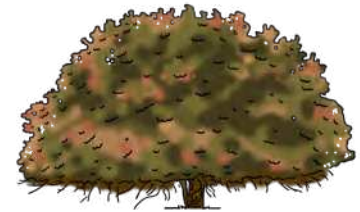
In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will be covering the story of the strife and separation of Abram and his nephew, Lot. We will also read the story of the war between the 4 sovereigns (kings) vs. the 5 sovereigns, wherein Lot is taken captive and his uncle Abram rescues him. Then we will learn about Malkitsedeq, sovereign of Shalem (Salem) who was given Abram's tithe. Now, let's read Gen. 12:1-8 & Ch. 13-14.

PARSHA POINTS

- Yahweh called **A**bram (meaning, 'high or exalted father') out of his father's house (Ur of the Chaldeans) and told him to go to a different land (Kena'an/Canaan) - 11:31; 12:1
- Yahweh made a promise to Abram that (12:2-7):
 - He would make a great nation from him
 - He would be blessed (**barak**) and that his name would be great
 - He would be a blessing to other nations
 - He would bless those who blessed Abram, and curse those who cursed Abram
 - His seed would inherit Kena'an
- Abram was 75 years old when he left his father's house - 12:4
- Abram left with **S**arai (meaning, 'princess'), his wife, Lot his nephew and all their possessions and people - 12:5
- Abram was rich in livestock, silver and gold - 13:2



- Abram built an altar to Yahweh in Shekem (Shechem) near the terebinth (oak) trees of Moreh and when he returned there, he called on the name of Yahweh, showing his relationship and obedience to Him - 12:6-7; 13:3-4
- Lot was also rich in flocks and herds and tents - 13:5
- Abram and Lot had so many possessions that the land where they dwelled together couldn't fit them all - 13:6
- Abram and Lot's people began to fight between each other - 13:7
- Abram who was a very good leader, came up with a way to solve the conflict - 13:8-9
- Abram showed his trust in Yahweh by allowing Lot to choose where he would want to live first - 13:9
- Lot went east toward the Yarden (Jordan), toward Sedom and Amorah (Sodom and Gomorrah) - 13:10-11
- Abram stayed in the land of Kena'an - 13:12
- The people of Sedom, where Lot and his people went to live, were evil and sinned before Yahweh continually - 13:13
- Yahweh told Abram that his descendants would (13:14-16):
 - inherit the land of Kena'an forever
 - be like the dust of the earth, which cannot be counted
- Abram built another altar to Yahweh in Hebron, near the terebinth (oak) trees of Mamre, again showing his relationship and obedience to Yahweh - 13:18
- Lot's choice to go near Sedom and Amorah, proved to be an unwise decision - Ch. 14
- 4 (**arba**) sovereigns (**melek**) have a battle in Siddim against 5 (**chamesh**) other sovereigns - 14:1-2, 8-9



1. Eylam (Kedorla'omer)
2. Goyim (Tid'al)
3. Shin'ar (Amraphel)
4. Ellasar (Aryok)

VS.

1. Sedom
2. Amorah
3. Admah
4. Tseboyim
5. Tso'ar



- The sovereigns and people of Sedom and Amorah fled and fell in tar pits in the Valley of Siddim (Salt Sea) or fled to the mountains - 14:10
- The 4 winning sovereigns took Lot and his people captive - 14:12
- Mamre the Amorite, who had a covenant relationship with Abram, escaped and told Abram that Lot was taken captive - 14:12-13
- When Abram heard that Lot was taken captive, he armed 318 of his trained servants to go and rescue Lot - 14:14
- Abram formed a strategy to divide his group, he then conquered the captors, and released Lot - 14:15-16
- Malkitsedeq (Melchizedek - meaning, 'king of righteousness') sovereign of Shalem (Salem) and priest of Elohim, brought out bread and wine to Abram after the battle and blessed him - 14:18-19



- Abram gave Malkitsedeq a tithe or tenth of all he had - 14:20
- The sovereign of Sedom came out to meet Abram and tried to make a deal with Abram by offering him all the goods that Abram had retrieved, in exchange for getting his people back - 14:17, 21
- Abram let the sovereign of Sedom know that Yahweh was his provider, and that he needed nothing from this battle, NOT even a thread or sandal strap - 14:22-23
- Abram told the sovereign of Sedom to give the men who fought with him (318 trained servants) and the Amorite brothers (Aner, Eshkol, and Mamre) their portion from the spoils - 14:13, 24



DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Discuss the promises that Yahweh made to Abram (12:2, 7; 13:14-17).
- Discuss the mention of terebinth trees (oak tree) and their significance or use throughout Scripture (12:6; 13:18).
- Discuss the war between the 5 rebellious kings against King Kedorla'omer and the 3 loyal kings (14:1-9).
- Discuss tithing and find Scriptural support for it (14:20).
- Research and discuss the thoughts on who Malkitsedeq is (See Heb. 7 and Ps. 110).