

Abraham and Lot

Abraham and Lot share a tremendous story in the Bible. There was a famine in the land of Ai and Bethel. So, Abraham departed for Egypt. They had food. Upon entering Egypt Abraham told Sarai, his wife to tell the Egyptians that she was his sister. He lied because he thought the Egyptians would kill him and take her if she was his wife. Well, Pharaoh did take her as his wife and Abraham ended up with many sheep and cattle. Eventually, Pharaoh found out about Abraham's lie and sent him away with his wife Sarai, the sheep and cattle.

Abraham and Lot traveled up to Negev and then to Bethel and Ai where the famine was no longer taking place. Lot and Abraham had acquired much silver and gold and sheep and cattle. They had a problem. Too many animals for the land to feed. So, they went separate ways. Abraham told Lot to go where he wanted first and Abraham would go to the place Lot did not want. Well, Lot went to the plains of the Jordan river. This was real fertile land. It also was where Sodom and Gomorrah were located.

Abraham lived in the land and he had many men who worked for him and he rescued Lot from trouble and was given the land of Canaan by the Lord. He had a child named Ismael with his wife, Sarai's maidservant Hagar because Sarai had told him to do so. Remember that the Hebrews usually had several wives back then. Women were not treated as special and equal as they are today. They were treated similar to property in the time of Abraham.

Then Abraham and Sarai had a son when she was 90 years old and Abraham turned 100. God told Abraham that his son Ishmael would be the father of twelve rulers. The new son would be named Isaac and he was born to the couple. In the meantime, Sodom and Gomorrah were the most sinful places on earth. Men and women did things that were disgusting to God. So, he said he would destroy the cities and all the inhabitants. Abraham bargained with the Lord and asked him to spare Lot and if they could find at least ten men who were faithful, God would not destroy the cities. They could not find ten. So, Lot and his family departed the city with the help of angels. God said to leave and not look back. But Lot's wife did not listen and she turned back to look. She disobeyed and turned into a pillar of salt.

Lot and his daughters went to live in the mountains and they departed from Abraham. The story of Abraham and Lot tells about the obedience of Abraham to God and the loyalty of Abraham to Lot.

As children we need to be obedient toward our parents and loyal to our family and the Lord.

Scripture: Genesis: 12 – 19

Questions:

1. Was Abraham obedient toward God?
2. Why did Abraham lie to Pharaoh?
3. Where did Abraham settle after he left Egypt?
4. What cities did God destroy?
5. Why did God destroy the cities?

Next Steps:

Make a line on paper with Abraham at the top and then list the sons below with their mother's names.