

CHAPTER ANALYSIS FORM

Chapter: 13-14

Chapter Title: Back to Canaan, Melchizedek

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2. Observation		3. Interpretation	
What Does It Say?		What Does It Mean?	
Verse		Verse	
	Chapter 13		
1-2	Abram and Lot leave Egypt and go back to Canaan. Abram is wealthier than when he left.	1-2	Culmination of subterfuge in Ch 12. Even though Abram is not perfect, he is still blessed by God.
3-4	Abram returns to an earlier encampment and worships the Lord.		
5-7	Strife between Abram and Lot over resources for their flocks.		
8-13	Strife is resolved. Lot chooses the Jordan valley. Abram stays in Canaan. Whispers of things to come.	8-13	<p>You can infer some of the character traits of Abram and Lot from their choices. Abram is older, wiser, and unselfishly lets Lot make the decision of where he will stay. Lot seems to be impetuous and a little unmotivated. His choice is for what seems to be the easier path. At the same time he is ignoring the undesirable elements of his choice.</p> <p>Do we make decisions in haste and looking for convenience or do we understand that God is with us and what seem to be hard decisions or hard places may bring the greater blessing?</p>
14-18	God reveals more detail to Abram about the promised land. Abram continues to worship God.		<p>Wherever Abram settles, there he worships God. Can we say the same?</p> <p>http://www.bible.ca/maps/maps-master-archeological-bible-study-map-israel-promised-land-abraham-lot-bethel-ai-sodom-gomorra-shittim-tall-tel-el-hamman-bab-edh-dra-dead-sea.jpg</p>

	Chapter 14		
1-12	Local uprising. Revolution is put down and Lot is captured in the confusion.	1-12	<p>City kingdoms were common in this time. A few around Abram were tired of paying tribute to another so they revolted. They were defeated and ransacked. Unfortunately, Lot was caught in the crossfire.</p> <p>Continuing our thoughts from the previous chapter. When we make decisions do we consider all the available information? Or have we already decided and try to ignore evidence that speaks against the decision we make? Have we ever put ourselves in a position to be caught in conflicts neither of our own making nor of our own involvement but only because of where we have placed ourselves?</p>
13-16	Abram rescues Lot.	13-16	Once again, you see the character of Abram.
17-20	Abram blessed by Melchizedek. Gives him a tenth of the spoils.	17-20	Melchizedek is a priest of the Most High God in Salem (Jerusalem). As such, he prefigures the Aaronic priesthood from Leviticus. Abram is worshipping and honoring God by giving a tenth of the spoils to Melchizedek.
21-24	Abram divides spoils with King of Sodom.	21-24	Abram does not want to take anything that is not truly his. At the same time, you have to think he knows the character of the King of Sodom and does not want to place himself in a position of opposition or apparent submission to him. Are we as wise in our dealings?

4. Correlation		5. Application
Where Else Is It Explained?		What Will I Do About It?
Verse		
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1-2	Psalm 112:1-3 Proverbs 10:22	
3-4	Genesis 12:8-9 Joshua 7:2 Genesis 12:7-8; 21:33 Psalm 116:17	
5-7	Genesis 36:6-7 Judges 1:4	
8-13	Genesis 19:17-30 Deuteronomy 29:23 Psalm 107:34; 133:1 Isaiah 3:9 Romans 12:18 1 Corinthians 6:1-8 Philippians 2:14-15	
14-18	Exodus 3:8 Acts 7:5 Galatians 3:16	

	Chapter 14	
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13-16		
17-20	Deuteronomy 14:22; 26:12 Psalm 7:17; 57:2; 76:2; 110:4 Hebrews 5:6-10; 7:1-21	
21-24		

6. Conclusions

7. One Personal Application