

### **HARAN BEGAT LOT**

Our fifth study in the History of the Shemites comes from the genealogy of Terah. We will study the unfolding of the Plan of God in the life of one of the three sons of Terah - Abram, Nahor, and Haran. (Gen.11:27).

- It will teach us about struggles often associated with the unfolding of the Directive Will of God in the lives of spiritually advancing believers.
- It will teach us the doctrinal principle that God is always out in front of the execution of His Directive will.
- It will teach us that walking by faith is the only way to participate in it (2 Cor.5:7; Heb.11:1).
- It will teach the spiritually advancing believer that walking by faith is by steps and in stages.

**This lesson will study five aspects of directive will of God unfolding in the lives of Haran and his son Lot.**

#### **1. Because Haran died before Lot was of legal age, Terah became the family guardian of Lot (Gen.11:28, 31).**

Guardianship can be very important to both the child and the family, even if neither understands the full impact of it upon the well-being or the wholesomeness of the family (ancestry and (heritage).

There are two ends to this type of phenomena. The front end is the guardianship of parenting children; the back end is the parenting of the parents (1 Tim.5:8; Prov.17:6).

Ruth, a Moabite, became the guardian parenting of Naomi, her Jewish mother-in-law; Boaz knowingly married into Ruth's guardian responsibility (Ruth 4:5-10).

#### **2. After Terah died, Abram and Sarai took the guardianship of Lot (Gen.12:4-5, 7).**

When they left Mesopotamia to serve God in land of Canaan, they took Lot with them (Gen. 13:1-2).

Sometimes you become a guardian of another family's child. Most believers are familiar with the friendship between David and Jonathan, King Saul's son. Years after death of Jonathan, David became the guardian of the last living son of Jonathan, Mephibosheth. He was a disabled young married man crippled in both legs (2 Sam.9).

#### **3. Like his uncle Abram, Lot became a successful businessman. He became independently wealthy to the degree that they had to separate and each find new territory (Gen.13:5-9).**

Lot chose the fertile land around the Jordan near the Sodom (Gen.13:12-13). But he chose the city life of Sodom (Gen.19:1).

- **Doctrinal point:** The **Directive Will of God** involves three important factors:
  - **The Geographical will**
  - **The Operational will**
  - **The Mental will.**

These three must all line up in the application of the directive will.

- Question:
  - Do you think Lot knew spiritually why he was in the land of Canaan?
  - Do you think why he wasn't in the land of Mesopotamia was because of Spiritual reasons?
  - Do you think he ever understood that the Call to Abram was also a Call to him?

This struggle is often true among children in families of spiritually advancing parents who do not engage their children in the importance of their spiritual journey of service in the Plan of God (2 Tim.1:5-6).

**4. When the cities of the plain were attacked by the coalition army, Lot, his family, and all of their possessions were taken captive.**

Once again, Abram was challenged by family loyalty of guardianship to Lot. He rescued Lot, his family, and his possessions. (Gen.14:12-16).

After being rescued, Lot went back to Sodom (Gen.18-19; 2 Pet.2:21-22).

- This is when other spiritually advancing believers know you are in big spiritual trouble (reversionism) (2 Pet.2:7-10).

Lot lost everything he inherited and had to work hard to acquire it – lost it and had it restored by Abram. But he could not connect the spiritual dots with his purpose or role in the Directive Will of God. (Ecl.2:24-26; 12:6-7)

**5. Three chapters later (Gen.15-17) we hear guardian Abram offering an intercessory prayer to God for Lot and Sodom.**

“Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?” (“What if I find 50, 45, 40, 30, 20, 15, **10?**” (Gen.18:22-33).

- Lot, his wife, their two daughters, and their two men they were engaged to and just four saved staff members would equal **10 righteous**.

Once again Lot lost everything. But this time he lost his wife to Divine Judgment and his daughters to the world (Luke 17:32; Gen.19:26-29; Prov.19:14).

His legacy of life will be continued by the two incestuous sons that will be a curse to Abraham and his descendants (Gen.19:30-38) The Moabites and Ammonites (Ps.83:1-8).

Lot and his two daughters became homeless living in a cave because of reversionism. But here is the good news, they are still alive and the door to the Plan of God is still opened to them.

The lost in Lot's world need the message of how to have a personal relationship with God in Christ. “Become sober-minded as your ought, and stop sinning; for some have no knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.” (1 Cor.15:34; John 3:16; 14:6)