Genesis 13

1,2 He probably had quite successful commerce while in Egypt as people came there to survive the famine. Amazing how the Lord blessed him in spite of his shenanigan calling Sarah his sister. God is merciful with our weakness but that is not an excuse for disobedience.

3,4 Is this a rededication? He made the round trip safely, riding out that year of famine with increase. God kept him and his wife in site of his scheming.

5,6 Possessions separate friends and family. Wealth is a blessing but brings with it many difficulties. For them the difficulty was enough pasture to feed their livestock.

7 Probably about what pasture belonged to whom, who got there first, etc.

8 Like his wife is his sister, Lot is his brother. Quarrels should be avoided even if it cost you. Family is more important than wealth.

9 Abram his superior in age and possessions and is superior spiritually too, and we see this in his graciousness in letting Lot choose. He trusted God.

10 Lot has only trouble from this point on. The man who took the best loses it all and the man who humbled himself and trusted God becomes a great nation.

11,12 Perhaps there were other reasons to pick the area he chose. A large city would offer commerce and a chance for gaining wealth as Abram did in Egypt. But what a city he chose to do commerce with!

13 All sin is sin against God. They are said to sin greatly - a yielding to evil in an unbridled way.

14 Lot is using the best now but God gave it ALL to Abram. The world may present us with losing propositions, with what looks like evil taking the prize. Look again through God's eyes. It is all yours in Jesus. 1 Cor 3:21-23

15 Seed - as in the seed. It seems that Jesus sets up his throne here in the Millennial Kingdom. Forever - the new earth must have a corresponding location.

16 Innumerable- and God fulfilled it. The spiritual descendents of Abram number in the millions - a number no one could count in their lifetime.

17,18 He has another encounter with God and another worship experience.