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Abram was a man who had no land and no sons. The world was fresh again after the Flood, and peoples had spread through it according to their languages and built themselves kingdoms and cities.

Abram was rich in silver and gold, and rich in his herds, but he roamed, and his kingdom was a tent.







Abram's nephew Lot roamed with him, and their herds and their families and all the men and women in their households traveled with them.

But they were not at peace. Together their herds were too large for the land and the men who tended the animals warred over every pasture and every spring.







Abram took his nephew and together they walked through the land.

“We are blood,” Abram said, “and there should be no strife between us. Separate your household from mine, and choose land for yourself. If you go to the right, then I will go left. If you choose the left, then I will dwell on the right.”

Lot looked over the land and saw the lush valley of the Jordan, and five cities stood on the green plains around it. The greatest was called Sodom, which was a wicked place.

“That will be my land,” Lot said. “I will dwell in the cities of the plains and pitch my tents toward Sodom.”







When Lot was gone, Abram walked to a high place to see where he should go. There the Lord spoke to him.

“You have no land,” the Lord said. “But look to the north and to the south, to the east and to the west. All that you see I will give to you and to your people.”

Abram heard the Lord, but he had no sons.

Then a wind came and swirled the dust at Abram’s feet into a great cloud.

“When a man can number the dust,” the Lord said, “then your children shall be numbered.”

Abram heard, but he did not yet believe.







In those days, while Abram roamed, there was a great king in the land of Elam called Chedorlaomer. He was powerful, and many weaker kings owed him gold and silver.

Together, the king of Sodom and the kings from the cities of the plains decided to rebel against Chedorlaomer. Before their people, they swore to send him no more tribute, and they called up their armies to overthrow him.

Other peoples rebelled as well—the Rephaim and the Zuzim, who were strong like the sons of giants, and their allies with them.

