



Genesis 13

Lift up Your Eyes & Look







# Genesis 13

1 So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him.

2 Abram had become **very wealthy** in livestock and in silver and gold.

3 From the Negev he **went from place to place** until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier

4 and where he had **first built an altar**. There **Abram called** on the name of the LORD.

5 Now **Lot, who was moving about with Abram**, also had flocks and herds and tents.

6 But the land could not support them while they stayed together, **for their possessions were so great** that they were not able to stay together.

7 And **quarrelling arose** between Abram's herdsmen and Lot's. The **Canaanites** and **Perizzites** were **also living in the land** at that time.

# Genesis 13

8 So Abram said to Lot, 'Let's not have any quarrelling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are close relatives.'

9 Is not the whole land before you? **Let's part company.** If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left.'

10 **Lot looked up** and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan towards Zoar was **well watered, like the garden** of the LORD, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD **destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.**)

11 So **Lot chose for himself** the whole plain of the Jordan and set out **towards the east.** The two men parted company:

12 Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and **pitched his tents near Sodom.**

## Genesis 13

13 Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD.

14 The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, 'Lift up your eyes from where you are and Look to the north and south, east and west.

15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.

16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted.

17 Arise, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.'

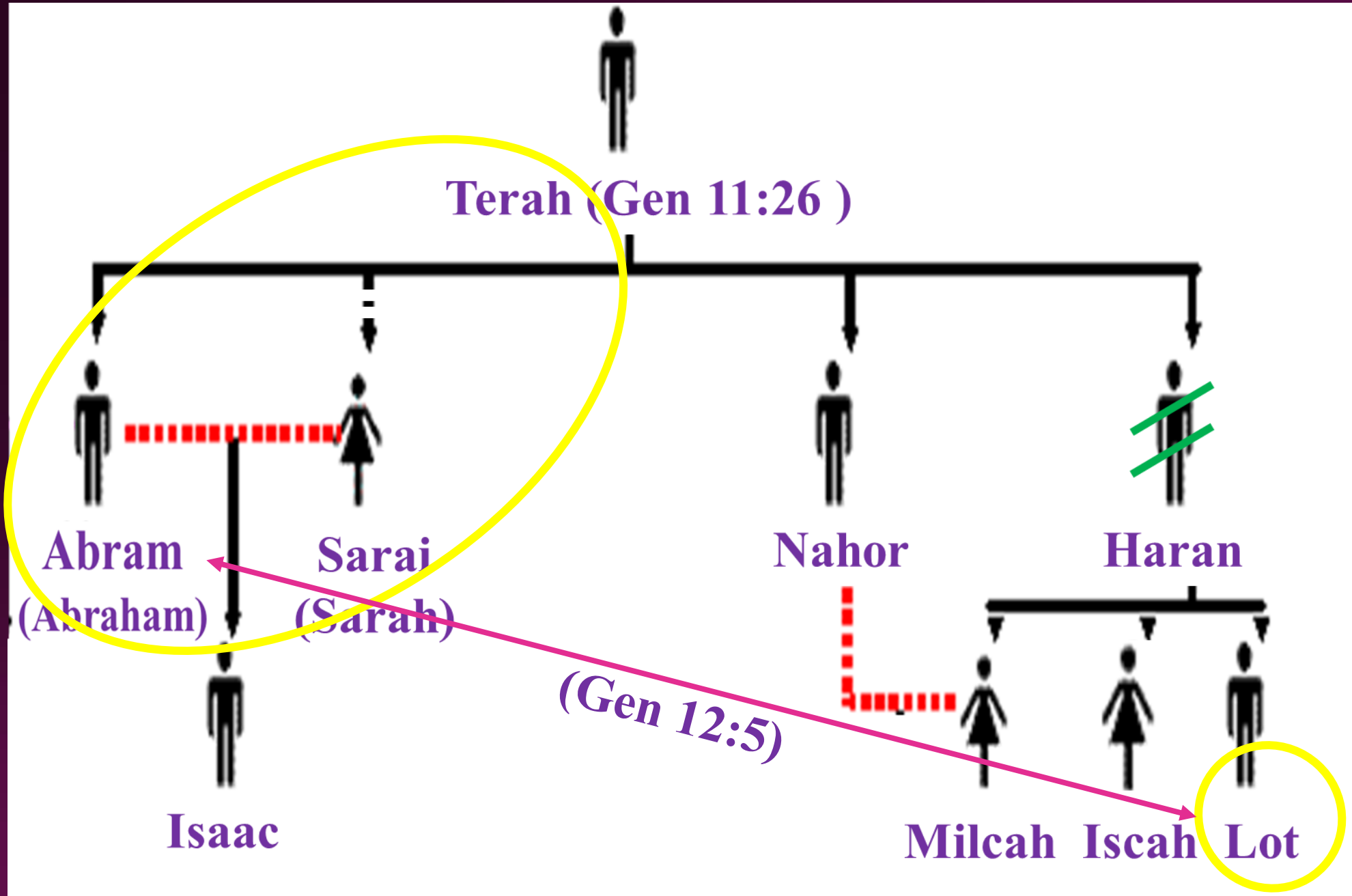
18 So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the LORD.

**Their possessions were so great !!**





# Who was Lot ?





# Lot - Abraham's favourite nephew !

Gen 14:14 -16,

“When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the **318 trained men** born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan... to attack them and ... pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus. He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people.”





# Lot, Apple of his eyes = Abraham's veil

- "Lot" = "a veil, covering" in Hebrew

| Genesis  | Place         | Age   | Command  | Promise  |
|----------|---------------|-------|--|--|
| 11       | 1 Ur          | 65-75 | To Leave   | <i>I will show</i>   |
| 12:1-3   | 2 Harran      | 75    | To Leave   | <i>I will show + blessings</i>   |
| 12:6     | 3 Shechem     | 75+   | To Arrive  | <i>blessings + Give this land to your seed</i><br>Abram built an altar <sup>1</sup>                |
| 12:8     | Bethel ..Ai   | 75+   | Arrived, altar <sup>2</sup> , called onto the Name of LORD | Deviated from God's plan and detour to Egypt   |
| 13:3-4   | Bethel ..Ai   | >>75  | Arrived, altar <sup>2</sup> , called onto the Name of LORD | Finally, Lot and Abraham parted company  |
| 13:14-16 | 4 Bethel ..Ai | >>75  | To Look<br>To Walk   | <i>blessings + Give all the land <b>to you</b> and<br/>your seed uncountable like dust forever</i> |

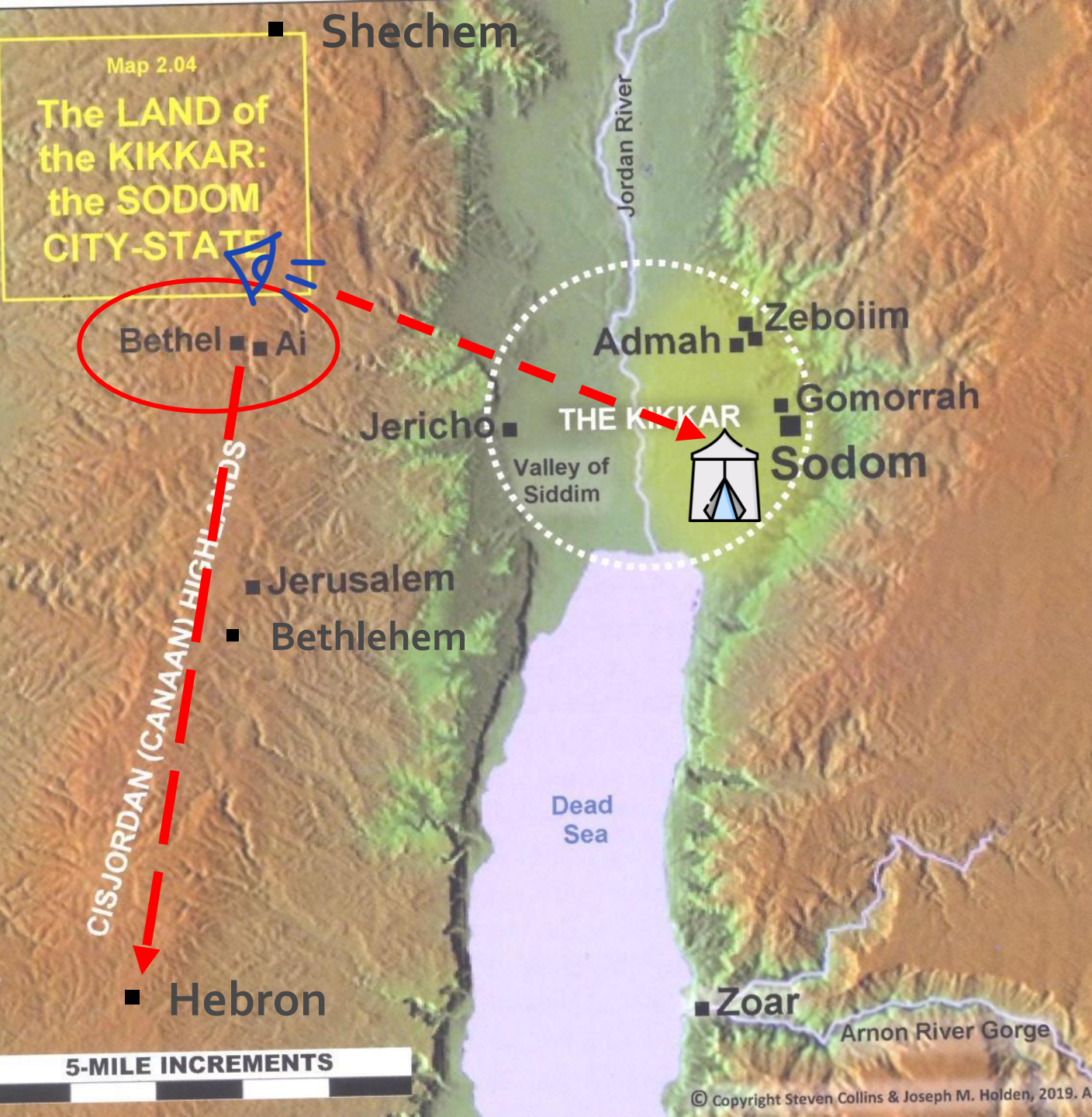
# Lot's View

- v6, “.. the land could not support them while they stayed together..”
- So, they have to part company. (!?)
  - **God promised Abraham, “.. I will bless those who bless you, .. and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”**
- *What would you do if you were Lot ?*
- v10 “Lot looked up and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan towards Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the LORD...”

(This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)







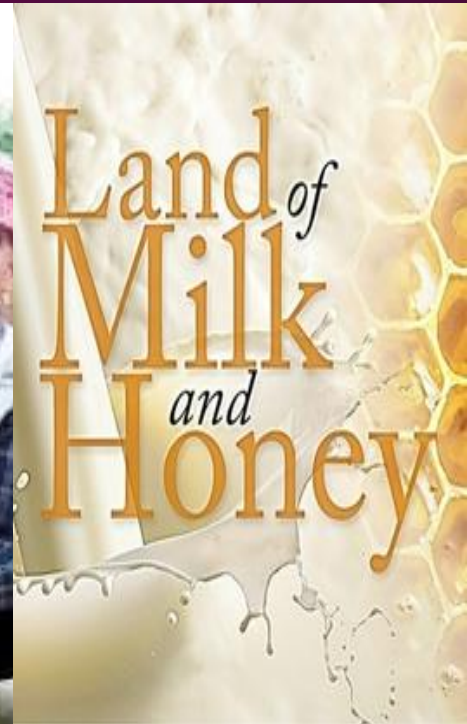
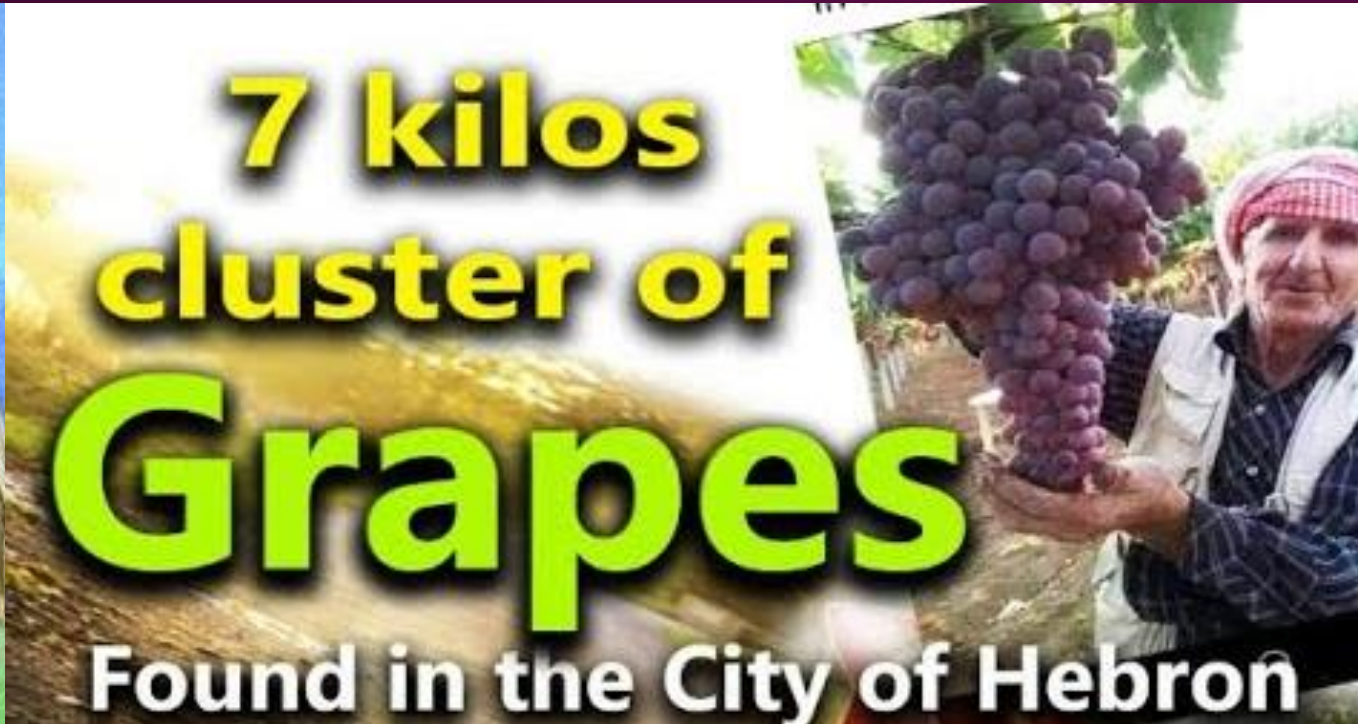
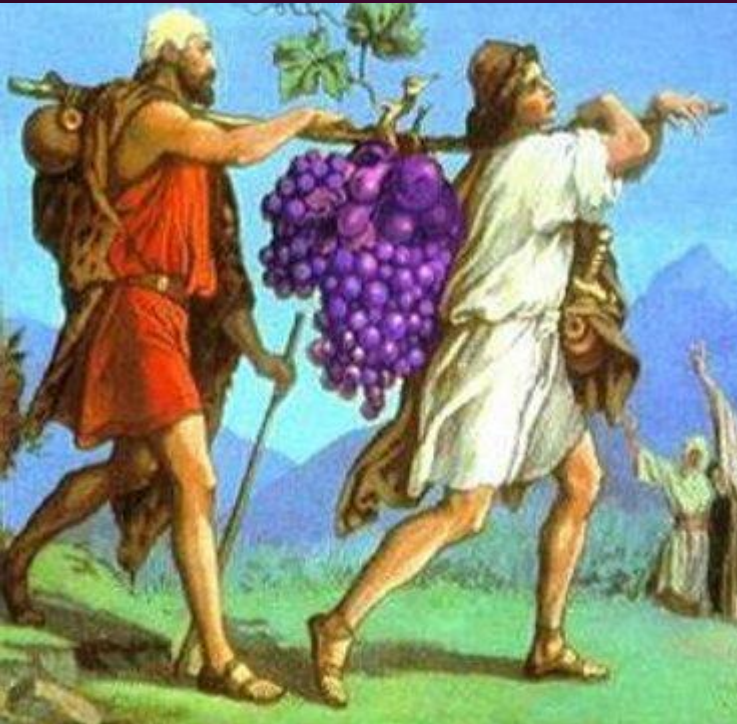
## Lot's View

- v12, “... Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents *near Sodom*.”
- v13, “**Now** the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD.”



# Abraham's View = LORD's View

- v14, "The LORD said to Abram after Lot (veil, covering.) had parted from him, 'Lift up your eyes...and look..'"
- Ready to see, ready to receive the Land.
- Ready to believe.







# Abraham's View = LORD's View

- v15, “All the land that you see I will give to you and your seed forever.”
- The promised land was to be received by faith.
- v17, “Arise, Walk through...”

*promise*





“Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham.” - Gal 3:7

“He (Christ) redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.” - Gal 3:14



# Abraham's View = Your View

*promise*

The promised land

**physical yet spiritual**

**temporal yet forever**

**confined, restricted yet free for all**





**Lift up your eyes & look**

- Abraham was veiled, and he could only see after Lot was gone.
- Lot was veiled, chose what he saw and was tormented (2 Peter 2:7.)

**What we see matters**

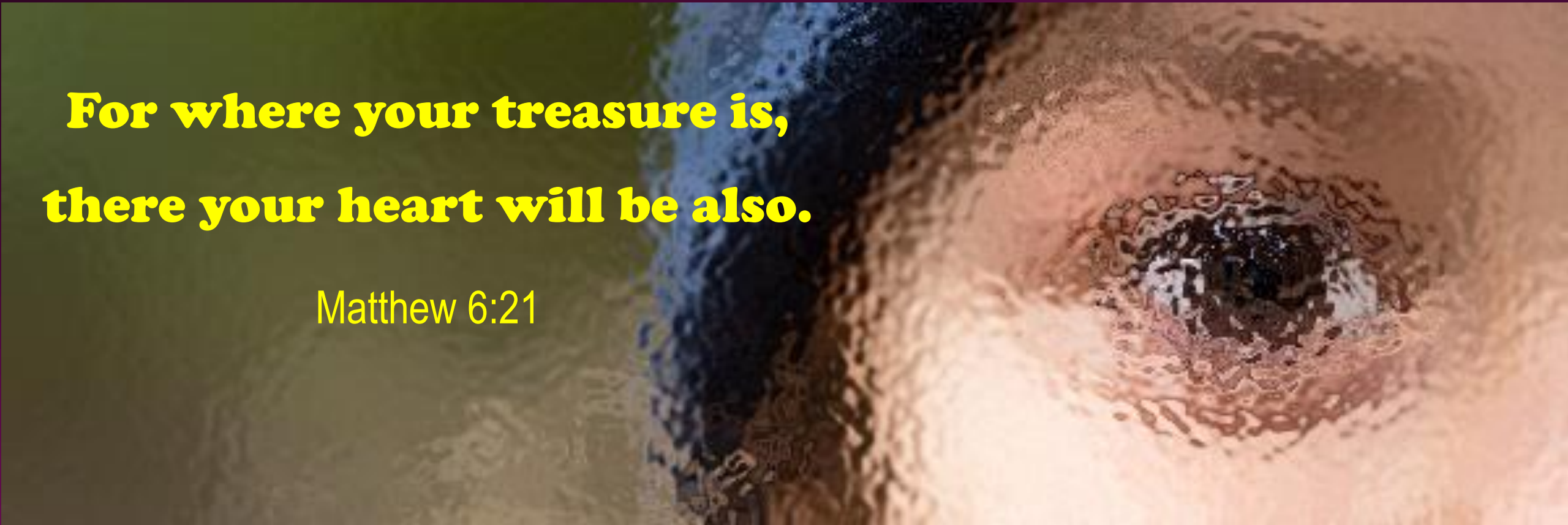


Jesus said, (Matt 6:22-23)

“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, **how great is that darkness!**”

**For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.**

Matthew 6:21









# Lift up your eyes & look

Revelation 5:10, Jesus has made us:

**“..kings and priests to our God;  
and we shall reign on the  
earth.”**

Daniel 7:27a, in explaining the dream of future:

**“Then the kingdom and dominion, And  
the greatness of the kingdoms under  
the whole heaven will be given to the  
saints, the people of the Most High.”**

