

## The Actions Of Shalom



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Beresheeth/Genesis 13:

5 And Lot also, who went with Avram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

6 And the land was not able to bear them so that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

**The land could not hold both. They could not share the same land. In this case for righteous reasons; in other cases because a land, or an altar of YHWH experienced defilement. Thus avoiding strife is the order of the day. In all cases no matter how perplexing and oppressive, we must do all to use heavenly wisdom to avoid strife.**

7 And there was strife between the herdsmen of Avram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle: and the Kanaanites and the Perizzites dwelt then in the land.

**Living amongst the heathen strife broke out among the Hebrews. This is never a good testimony when strife resembles that which is found in the world. Abraham desire to avoid further damage.**

8 And Avram said to Lot, Let there be no strife, please, between you, and me and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers.

**This is what made Avraham great. He sought shalom amongst his people and relatives. He was not concerned with vain glory, or temporal gain, or numbers in accumulating cattle, nor a large location. His overriding concern was maintaining, or seeking shalom and avoiding further strife.**

9 Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself, please, from me: if you will take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

**Humility! This is the attitude of a servant of YHWH. Notice Abraham did not care what land he dwelt in, or served YHWH in, as long as there was no ongoing warfare and strife between him and his nephew and their respective followers, or herdsmen. His overriding concern was the shalom amongst the mishpocha. Abraham even agreed to go to a different land and to allow Lot to keep and maintain any part of the land he wanted, as long as Avraham preserved the shalom and as long as Abraham was free to move on in YHWH's plan and calling. Abraham saw further fighting as a hindrance to YHWH's will being manifest in his life, even though he could have stayed and fought for the best and biggest portions and probably preserved**

**most of what was up for grabs.** We can see here how blessed this decision was. This unselfish act led to many covenant blessings for Abraham for many future generations.

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Yarden, that it was well watered everywhere, before יהוה destroyed Sedom and Amorah, even as the Gan Ayden of יהוה, like the land of Mitzrayim, as you come to Tzoar.

Lot was tempted by the flesh and more concerned over the best land and the biggest and best area. His motives were not pure. He thought he took advantage of the situation by choosing the better land, to remain in the land, as it appeared to be like the Garden of Eden, or Egypt. But little did he know that it would lead to his spiritual downfall and the death of his wife. He thought it more important to establish control where he was in the land of his choosing than to put shalom as the primary motivator in his “land decision.” **We see here by Abraham’s proclamation, that the land is not the important issue, or where we serve YHWH, as much as the heart motives and purity of purpose, as Yahshua taught us when He said blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see YHWH, regardless of where they live or minister. It’s not where you live, or where you serve YHWH, but who and what lives in you!**

11 Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of the Yarden; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves from one another.

Separation to achieve shalom. Had they remained in the same area, or land no doubt wars and fighting would have increased. Abraham took preventive measures to assure this would not occur. Is there war and fighting in your home, or family? Often, or actually most times, **YHWH shows us the way to proceed. We are to separate ourselves from the warring and retreat to a place, or land of peace!** Staying around and partaking in a quarrelsome atmosphere usually accomplishes little, as most involved in strife are not interested in coming to a resolution, or knowing the facts of a matter. We ought to study and apply Abraham’s strategy in our own lives as kadosh children of YHWH.

12 Avram dwelt in the land of Kanaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain, and camped his tent toward Sedom.

One can see who made the right choice. Lot had the choice and chose wrong. He camped his tent, or his heart away from YHWH towards Sodom and Gomorrah, though he had the land and herds of his own choice. **In other words give your enemies whatever they want and you go elsewhere and live in shalom where you are at inner peace and free to serve YHWH.**

13 But the men of Sedom were wicked and sinners before יהוה exceedingly.

14 And יהוה said to Avram, after Lot was separated from him,

**Note that the covenant promise of physical multiplicity of the “melo hagoyim/fullness of the gentiles” did not come until AFTER Abraham had separated himself to a new land to seek shalom. YHWH met him personally in Kanaan confirming his righteous decision.**

*Lift up now yours eyes, and look from the place where you are northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:*

15 For all the land which you see, to you will I give it, and to your zera le-olam-va-ed.

16 *And I will make your zera as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then your zera also can be numbered.*

17 *Arise, walk through the land in the length and in the width, for I will give it to you.*

18 Then Avram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hevron (the first capital of a united Israel), and built there an altar to יהוה.

**Ironically, YHWH promised Abraham all the land that he left behind to give to Lot. What's the message? Soon all will be past. Only what is done by Moshiach will last. When a man's ways please YHWH, even his enemies and his enemies lands' will become his. The battle is YHWH's. Abraham gave up the better and seeking nothing but shalom and strife avoidance inherited it in the end anyway; meanwhile he avoided the filth and sin of the land of Sodom and the cities of the plains. Staying in large cities was not in the cards for Abraham, who dwelt in Kannaan land, void of big cities. In return he got the big covenant promise from YHWH.**

Shemoth/Exodus 32:26-Then Moshe stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on יהוה's side? Let him come to me. And all the sons of Lewi gathered themselves together to him.

**Come away and separate for shalom between men and for YHWH. Moshe called the Cohanim and leviym away from Mt. Sinai, the place of great ministry and revelation, to a new beginning in a new area, as they were leaving the old way behind, where the firstborn were YHWH's ministers. They were separated for shalom, as ministers of shalom, as YHWH was about to break out in anger and strife against the camp.**

1Thess. 5:23-And may the very אלהא of shalom separate you completely; so that your whole ruach, nephesh and gooff be preserved without blemish, until the coming of our Master יהושע ha Moshiach.

**The Elohim of all shalom, will often separate us for shalom to keep us and safeguard us fully until Yahshua returns.**

James/Yaakov 4:1-3 From where do wars and fighting among you come? Do they not come from your desires that war in your members?

2 You desire, and have not: you kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: you strive and fight; yet you have not, because you ask not.

3 You ask, and receive not, because you ask wickedly, that you may satisfy your lusts.

**Most strife originates from fleshly ambition and desire, as it did when Lot's herdsmen and Abraham's herdsmen broke out in strife.**

Matthew/Mattityahu 5:9- Blessed are the shalom-makers: for they shall be called b'nai יהוה.

**Shalom makers and seekers are the real B'nai Yahshua.**

**Close-This is the answer to breakouts of strife in the family of YHWH. Be a shalom maker and hide yourself in the Elohim of all shalom, who will hide you in a better land, or a better place, under the shadow of His wings. Selah**