



# IN TIME OF CONFLICT

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A BIBLICAL STUDY of Genesis 13-14



## STRONG'S HEBREW/GREEK DEFINITIONS



- 1 **STRIFE** (H7379) "Reeb" - a contest, personal or legal
- 2 **GOMORRAH** (H6017) "Amorrah" - a ruined heap (Young's: *submersion*)

### THE LAND CHOSEN BY LOT

The "Cities of the Plain" have been conjectured to be Admah, Sodom, Gomorrah, Zeboim and Zoar. The assumption is that the "plain" is the shallow (approx. 10 ft. deep) south end of the Dead Sea. This region geologists found to have experienced a great explosion, first with an upheaval and then a subsidence of strata. Salt, mixed with sulphur, was carried up into the heavens, Biblically described as "fire and brimstone" raining from heaven. This plain would explain the location of the city of Zoar on your map. - Zondervan, Pictorial Bible Dictionary

### TEXT OF THE WEEK

*"It is an honour for a man to cease from strife; but every fool will be meddling."*  
- Proverbs 20:3



*"Let There Be No Strife, I Pray Thee...For We Be Brethren"*

*How should a child of God handle conflict? Does he fight for what is fair, what is right, or should he take the wrong?*

1. How did conflict arise between the herdsman of Lot and Abram? Gen. 13:6-7
2. What did Abram insist upon? 13:8
3. What appeasement did Abram offer? 13:9
  - What does this say about the character of Abram, a child of the covenant? Proverbs 15:18; 20:3
4. Locate on a Bible map Hebron and the plains of Jordan. Read the side column comment and compare this information to Genesis 13:10-13. How did Lot's standards differ from Abram's? How did this eventually get Lot in trouble?
  - How does Proverbs 30:8-9 apply?

### THE RESPONSE TO CONFLICT

5. Abram's response to conflict is not the only Biblical instruction to follow. Study additional instruction to the following two groups of people:
  - 1) Conflict with the "brethren:" 1 Cor. 6:6-8
    - Self examine your response to conflict with: family, spouse, work, church? Do you "take the wrong"? What keeps you from "taking the wrong"?
  - 2) Conflict with the "unjust:" Ro. 12:17-21; Heb. 10:30-31
    - How does this differ from the response the world encourages when wronged? Self examine your response to conflict with the "unjust:" Does it differ from what the world teaches?
6. After studying the above verses, some might say: "I just can't respond that way. That's not natural." "What makes you think you would respond differently if you were in my situation?" DISCUSS: Does a child of God have an option to decide how to respond?
  - Respond with James 3:14-18.
  - When we are called to "work out our salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil. 2:12), we are called to examine the fruits of the Spirit promised to a child of God. Do you have the fruit of sowing peace as Abram did?

*Pray that God opens our eyes to our sin and humble ourselves to turn and "take the wrong," trusting that He is in charge and will take vengeance for us.*