

Chapter 13

Abram & Lot returne from Ægypt into Chanaan, 6. and being rich separate themfelues, 10. Lot choofing the countrie about Iordain, Abram dwelleth in Chanaan. 14. Where againe God promifeth him that land, and multiplication of his feede. 18. And he erected an other Altar to God.

Abram therefore ascended out of Ægypt, he and his wife, and al that he had, and Lot with him to the fourth coast. ² And he was very rich in possession of gold and silver. ³ And he returned by the way, that he came, from the fourth vnto Bethel, euen to the place where before he had pitched a tabernacle between Bethel and Hay: ⁴ in the place of the altar which he had made before, and there he called vpon the name of our Lord.

⁵ But Lot also that was with Abram, had flocks of sheepe, and herds of beasts, and tents. ⁶ Neyther was the land able to receiue them, for to dwel together: for their substance was much, and they could not dwel together. ⁷ Whereupon also there arose strife amongst the herdsmen of Abram and of Lot. And that time the Chananite and the Pherezite dwelled in that countrie. ⁸ Abram therefore said to Lot: Let there be no brawle I beseech thee between me and thee, and between my herdsmen, and thy herdsmen: for we be ^a)brethren. ⁹ Behold the whole land is before thee: goe aparte from me, I pray thee: if thou wilt goe to the left hand, I will take the right: if thou choose the right hand, I will passe to the left.

¹⁰ Lot therefore lifting vp his eyes, sawe al the countrie about Iordaine, which was watered through out before that our Lord subuerted Sodome and Gomorre, as the paradife of our Lord, and like as Ægypt as men come vnto Segor. ¹¹ And Lot chose vnto him the countrie

^a Foure fortes of bretheren in holie writte: german brothers, as Iacob and Esau: of kinred, as Abraham and Lot: of the same nation, as the Iewes and Samaritanes: in Religion as al Catholiques.

about Iordaine, and he departed from the Eaft: and they were feperated either brother from the other. ¹² Abram dwelt in the land of Chanaan: and Lot abode in the townes, that were about Iordaine, and dwelt in Sodome. ¹³ And the men of Sodome were verie wicked, and finners before the face of our Lord out of meafure. ¹⁴ And our Lord faid to Abram, after that Lot was feperated from him: Lyft vp thyn eyes, and looke from the place, wherin thou now art, to the north and fouth, to the eaft and weft. ¹⁵ Al the land, which thou feeft, wil I geue to thee, & to thy feed for euer. ¹⁶ And I wil make ^a)thy feede as the duft of the earth: if any man be able to number the duft of the earth, thy feede alfo fhall he be able to number. ¹⁷ Arife and walke through the land in the length, and in the breadth therof: for I wil geue it to thee. ¹⁸ Abram therefore remouing his tent, came, and dwelt befide the vale of Mambre, which is in Hebron: and he builded there an altar to our Lord.

^a Not the children of the flefh but the children of the promiffe are the feede. *Rom. 9.* and are innumerable. *Apoc. 7. v. 9.*