



FOUNDATIONS *of*  
REDEEMPTIVE  
HISTORY

*Part 2*

Genesis 12-24

# BREAKDOWN OF TEXT

1. ~~Abram Journeys to Egypt (12)~~

2. ~~Abram, Lot, and the War (13-14)~~

3. ~~God's Covenant with Abram (15)~~

4. ~~Sarai, Hagar, and Doubt (16)~~

5. ~~God's Covenant of Circumcision (17)~~

**6. The Promised Birth of Isaac, and the  
Destruction of Sodom/Gomorrah  
(18-19)**

7. Abraham, Abimelech, and Isaac's Birth  
(20-21)

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9. Sarah's Death (23)

10. Isaac and Rebekah (24)

# REVIEW

**GENESIS 17**

# Some personal thoughts from ch. 17

- Don't be tied to my questions.
- Create your own inductive questions. This is easier than you think. Working through it can be challenging though.
- Stay away from AI answers. This is extremely tempting.

# NEXT WEEK: Personal study questions (Genesis 18)

1. How many people come to Abraham in v.1-2? Who are they? How are they described?
2. What specific actions does Abraham take when he meets them? What preparations does he make for them? List them out. Why is Abraham's eagerness in hospitality highlighted?
3. Take special note of when "they" are speaking and when "He" is speaking. Take special note of "Lord" and "LORD".
4. Why do they ask about where Sarah is? What was she doing while they were asking?
5. What is it about their ages/states that are emphasized? Why does Sarah laugh? What is her attitude when she laughs? How do you know that was her attitude?
6. What is the reason why the LORD reveals to Abraham His plans? What does God's disclosure to Abraham show about His character?
7. What repeated phrases shows Abraham's humility in his pleading with the LORD concerning Sodom/Gomorrah?
8. Where are the men heading towards after their meal?

# NEXT WEEK: Personal study questions (Genesis 19)

1. Who are the main characters in this chapter, and how are they introduced?
2. How are the two angels described in their interactions with Lot? Their interactions with the people of the city?
3. What actions does Lot take when he meets the angels?
4. How does Lot respond to the men of Sodom? What does this reveal about him?
5. What phrases/actions show the moral state of the city?
6. What instructions are given to Lot and his family? How does Lot respond? How does his wife respond? What do their responses reveal about their spiritual conditions?
7. What events occur between Lot and his daughters throughout the narrative? What does this ending say about the lingering effects of sin and its environment?
8. How does God's justice and mercy appear in this chapter? How do Abraham's intercessions in chapter 18 play out here in chapter 19?

# GENESIS 18-19

**The Promised Birth of Isaac,  
and the Destruction of Sodom/Gomorrah**

- 1. God visits and reaffirms a son (18:1-15)**
- 2. The Judgment and the Intercession (18:16-33)**
- 3. The Wickedness of Sodom (19:1-11)**
- 4. The Warning and the Destruction (19:12-29)**
- 5. The Aftermath (19:30-38)**

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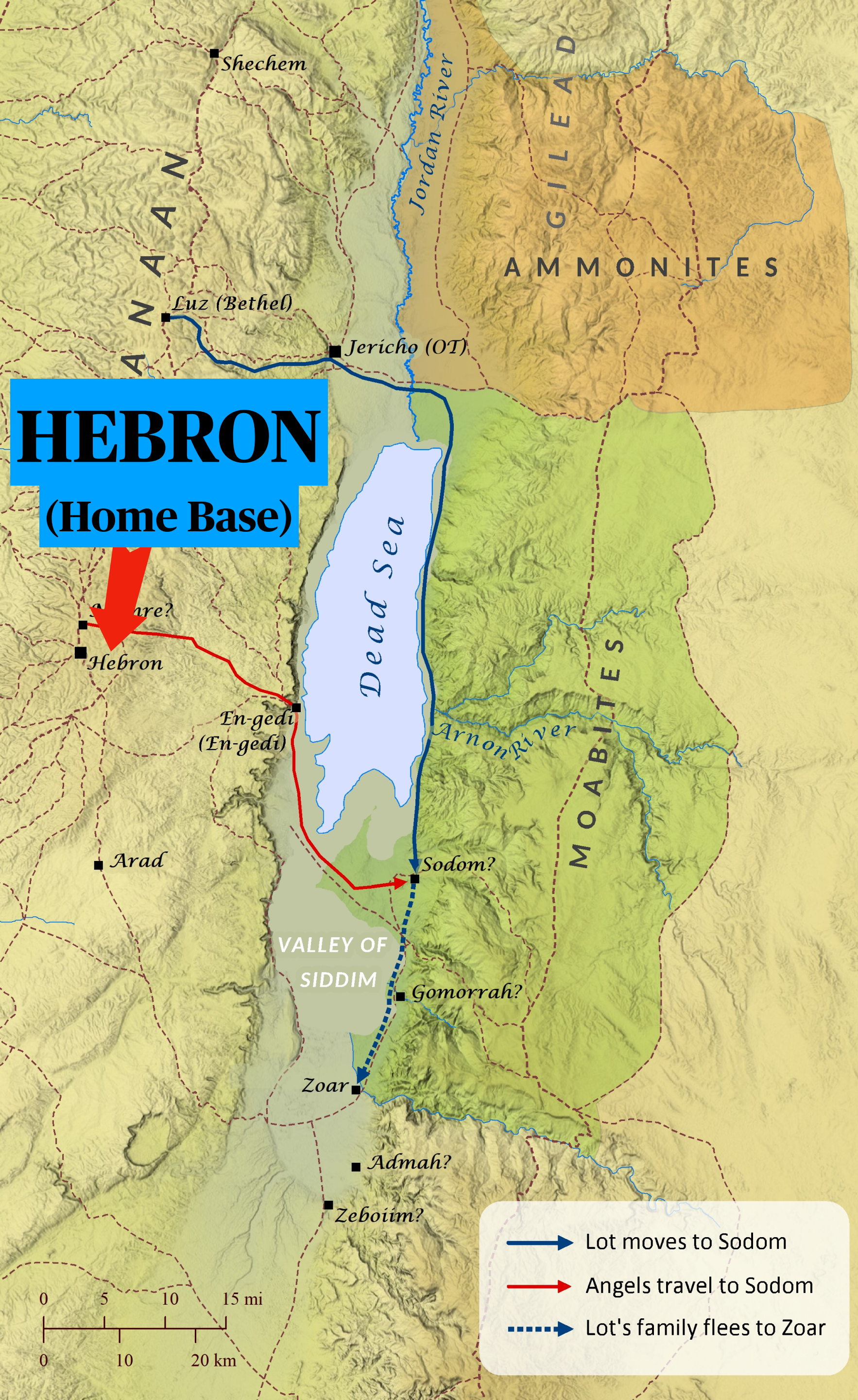
- Ask Questions

- Who were the three men?
- Why Abraham's hospitality?
- Why Abraham's frenetic energy?
- Why the reiteration of the promise "this time next year"?
- Why the details of Sarah's hiding and laughing?

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*Gen. 13:18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD.*

*Gen. 14:13 Then a fugitive came and told Abram the Hebrew. Now he was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and these were allies with Abram.*

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*Heb. 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

*Matt. 25:37 “Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? 38 ‘And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 39 ‘When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ 40 “The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’*



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*Gen. 17:15 Then God said to Abraham [...] 16 “I will bless her, and indeed I will give you a son by her. Then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”*

*17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” [...]*

*19 But God said, “No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. [...]*

*21 “But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year.” 22 When He finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.*

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**Remember everything they've gone through.**

**Remember the years that have gone by.**

**Remember Sarah's identity and security, exposed in the story with Hagar.**

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*Luke 1:26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. 32 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. 36 "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.*

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*Matthew 17:20 And He \*said to them, “Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.*

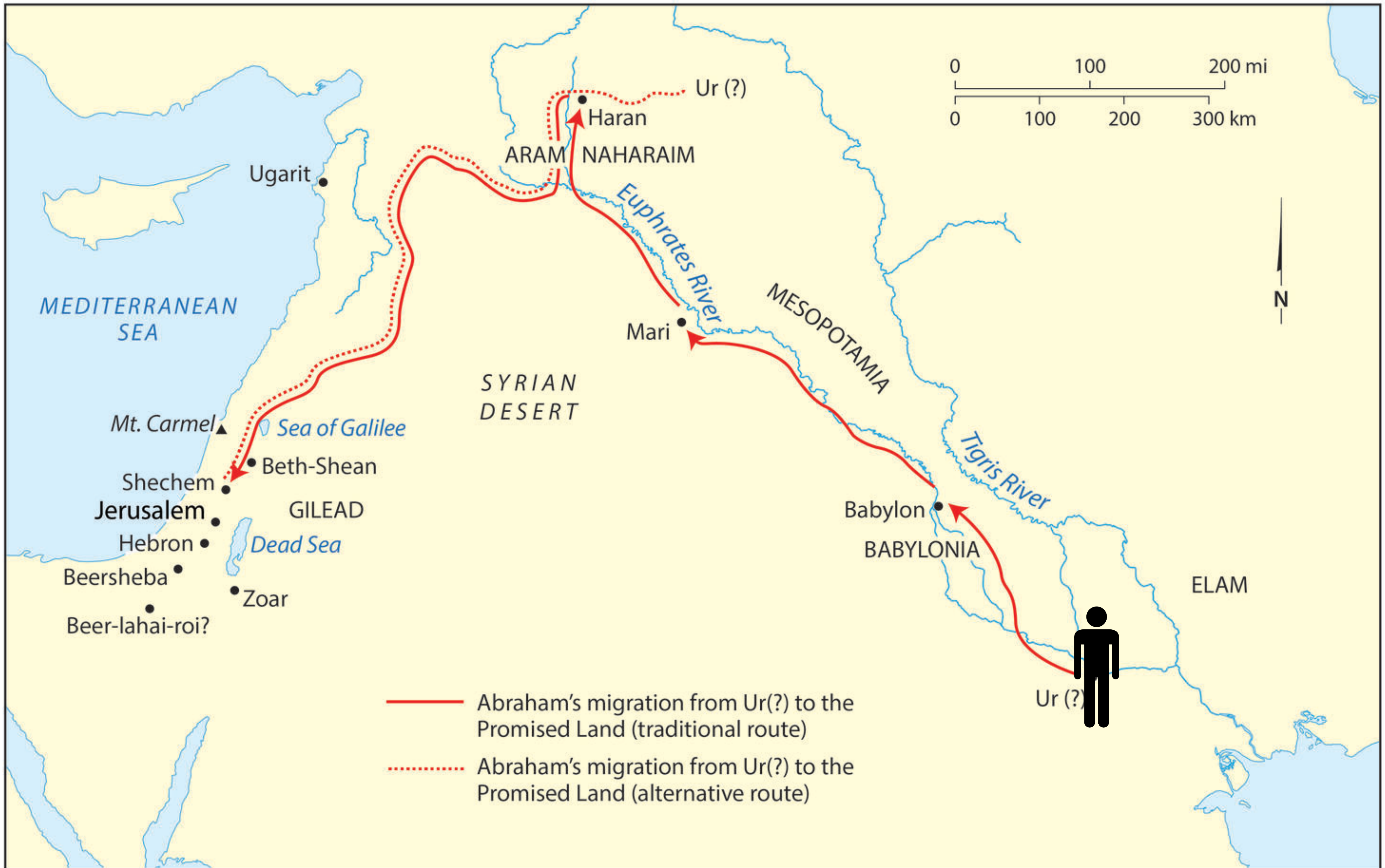
*Gen. 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram,*

*“Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you;*

*2 And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;*

*3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”*

***4 So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him***



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*2Pet. 3:8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.*

*Gal. 4:4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.*

**It's going to be many more years  
before Jesus Christ (the Seed)  
arrives.**

**The point? Anticipate in faith!**

# APPLICATION

*What does the text tell me about God?*

(Q) Look at how Abraham responds when the LORD arrives. How can I cultivate a heart that has the same urgency and desire to please God as Abraham? What would it look like for me to give God my best? (Time, energy, resources, desires, affections)

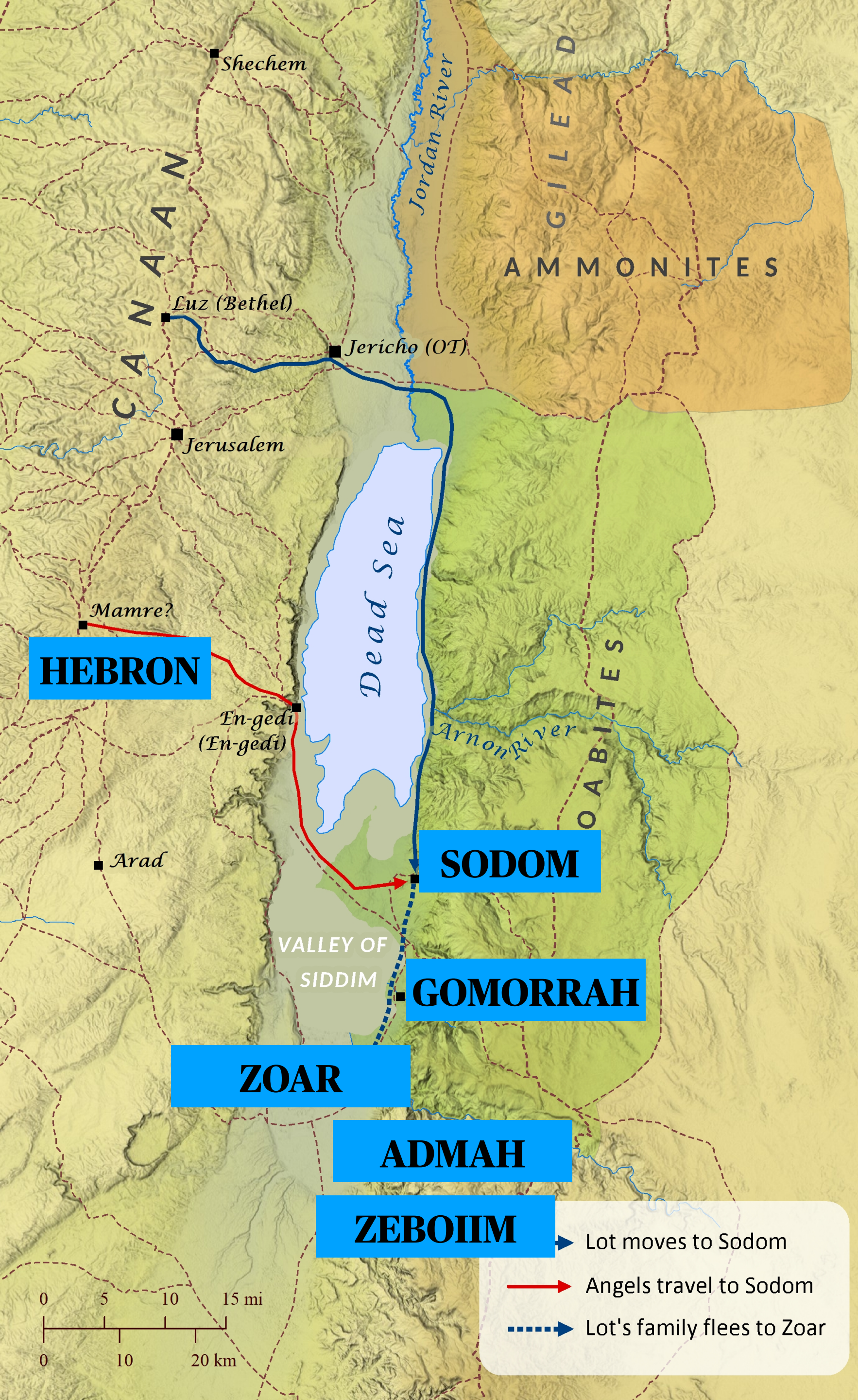
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## 2. The Judgment and the Intercession (18:16-33)

- Ask Questions
  - Why are the men heading towards Sodom?
  - Why does the LORD decide to reveal His plans to Abraham?
  - Why does Abraham and the LORD go back and forth about possible righteous ones in Sodom/Gomorrah?
  - Why is the LORD going through the pains of doing all this, instead of pronouncing judgment from heaven?

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## TABLE OF NATIONS

*Gen. 10:19 The territory of the Canaanite extended from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; as you go toward **Sodom and Gomorrah** and Admah and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.*

## LOT'S CHOICE OF LAND

*Gen. 13:10 Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere – this was before the LORD destroyed **Sodom and Gomorrah** – like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar [...] 12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom. **13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against the LORD.***

## BATTLE OF THE KINGS (EAST VS WEST)

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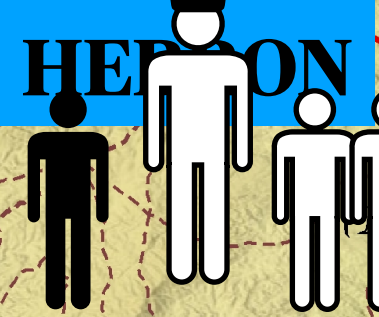
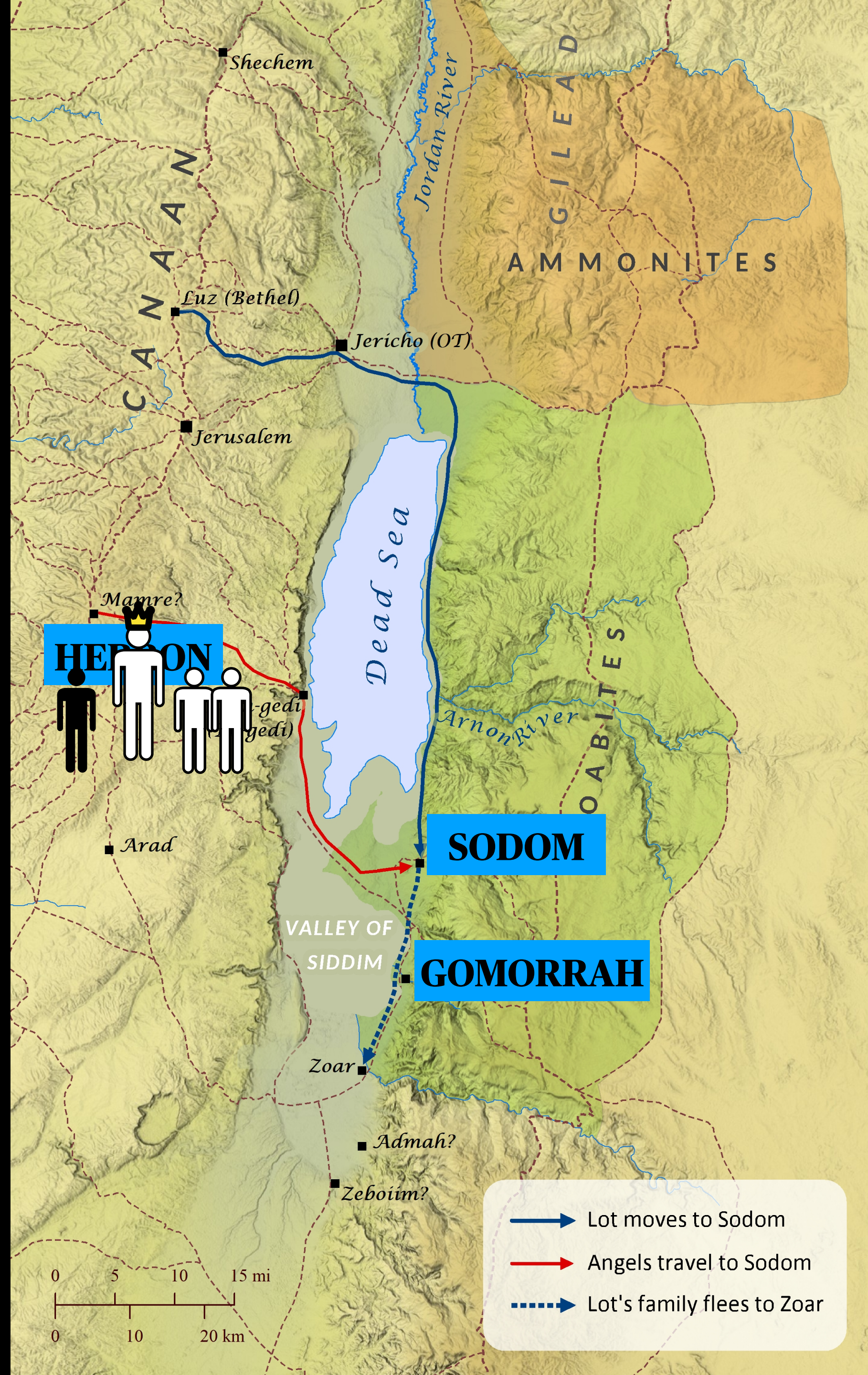
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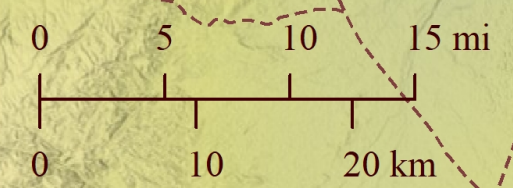
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- Lot moves to Sodom
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*1Tim. 2:5 For there is one God, and **one mediator** also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus*

*Heb. 7:25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them.***

*1John 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, **we have an Advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous*

# APPLICATION

*What does the text tell me about God?*

(Q) Why do you think Abraham intercedes so fiercely, rather than just care about Lot? How fiercely do I intercede for for others in my life? What does this teach me about how my prayers for others ought to look like?

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# 3. The Wickedness of Sodom (19:1-11)

- Ask Questions
  - Why was Lot sitting at the gate?
  - Why does the narrative of Lot have so many similarities to Abraham's narrative a chapter before?
  - Why were the men of Sodom acting the way they were? Was there something cultural?
  - Was it okay for Lot to offer up his daughters like that? Seems horrible.
  - Why did the angels say they wanted to stay in the square first?

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*Gen. 13:10 Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere – this was before the LORD destroyed **Sodom and Gomorrah** – like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar. 11 So **Lot chose for himself all the valley of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward.** Thus they separated from each other. 12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the valley, and **moved his tents as far as Sodom. 13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against the LORD.***

*Gen. 14:12 They also took Lot, Abram's nephew, and his possessions and departed, for **he was living in Sodom.***

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# Exceedingly Wicked

1. Homosexuality
2. Sexual assault
3. Violent abuse
4. Humiliation
5. Mob mentality

*Gen. 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7 The LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them."*

*Rom. 1:26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.*

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GENRE : **Narrative**

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*Gen. 12:11 It came about when he came near to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, “See now, I know that you are a beautiful woman; 12 and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife’; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. 13 “Please say that you are my sister so that it may go well with me because of you, and that I may live on account of you.”*

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# APPLICATION

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(Q) What signs of compromise did I see in Lot's life? Are there any similar forms of compromise in my life? Are there areas where I am tolerating or normalizing what God calls wrong?

(Q) How can a believer slowly become too comfortable in a sinful environment? What are some warning signs of drifting into this? What makes compromise so easy to justify?

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## 4. The Warning and the Destruction (19:12-29)

- Ask Questions

- Why does the whole family get the offer of salvation? Why does God end up only saving wife/daughters?
- Why is God so compassionate towards Lot, even though Lot hesitates?
- Why does Lot's wife become a pillar of salt for looking back? What's the significance of salt?
- Why does it say that God remembers Abraham (rather than Lot)?

*Gen. 19:12 Then the two men said to Lot, “Whom else have you here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring them out of the place; 13 for we are about to destroy this place, because their outcry has become so great before the LORD that the LORD has sent us to destroy it.” 14 Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, and said, “Up, get out of this place, for the LORD will destroy the city.” **But he appeared to his sons-in-law to be jesting.***

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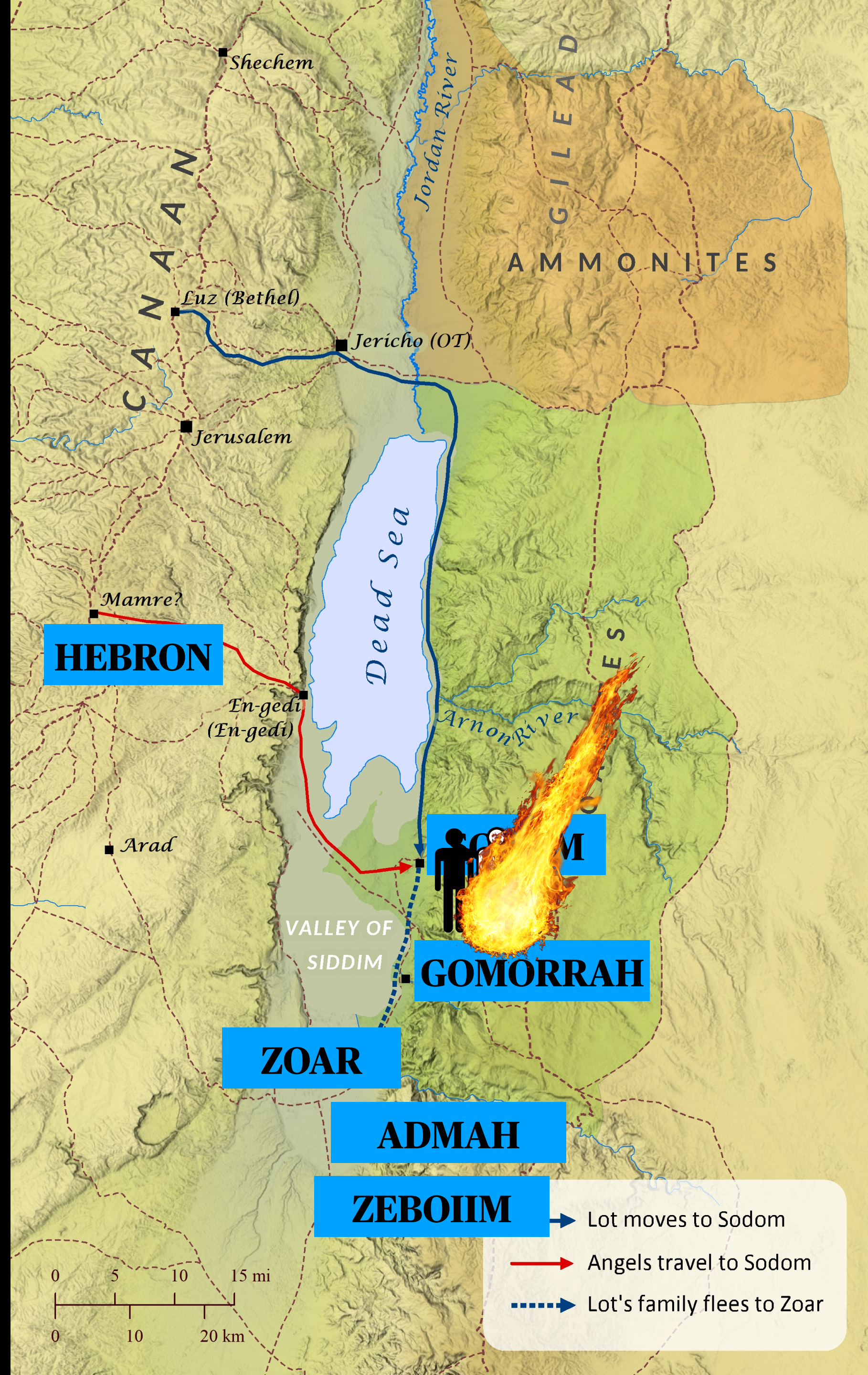
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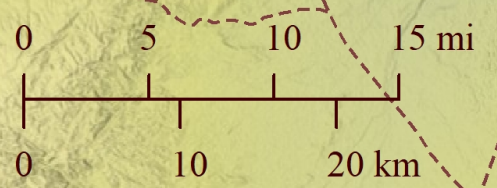
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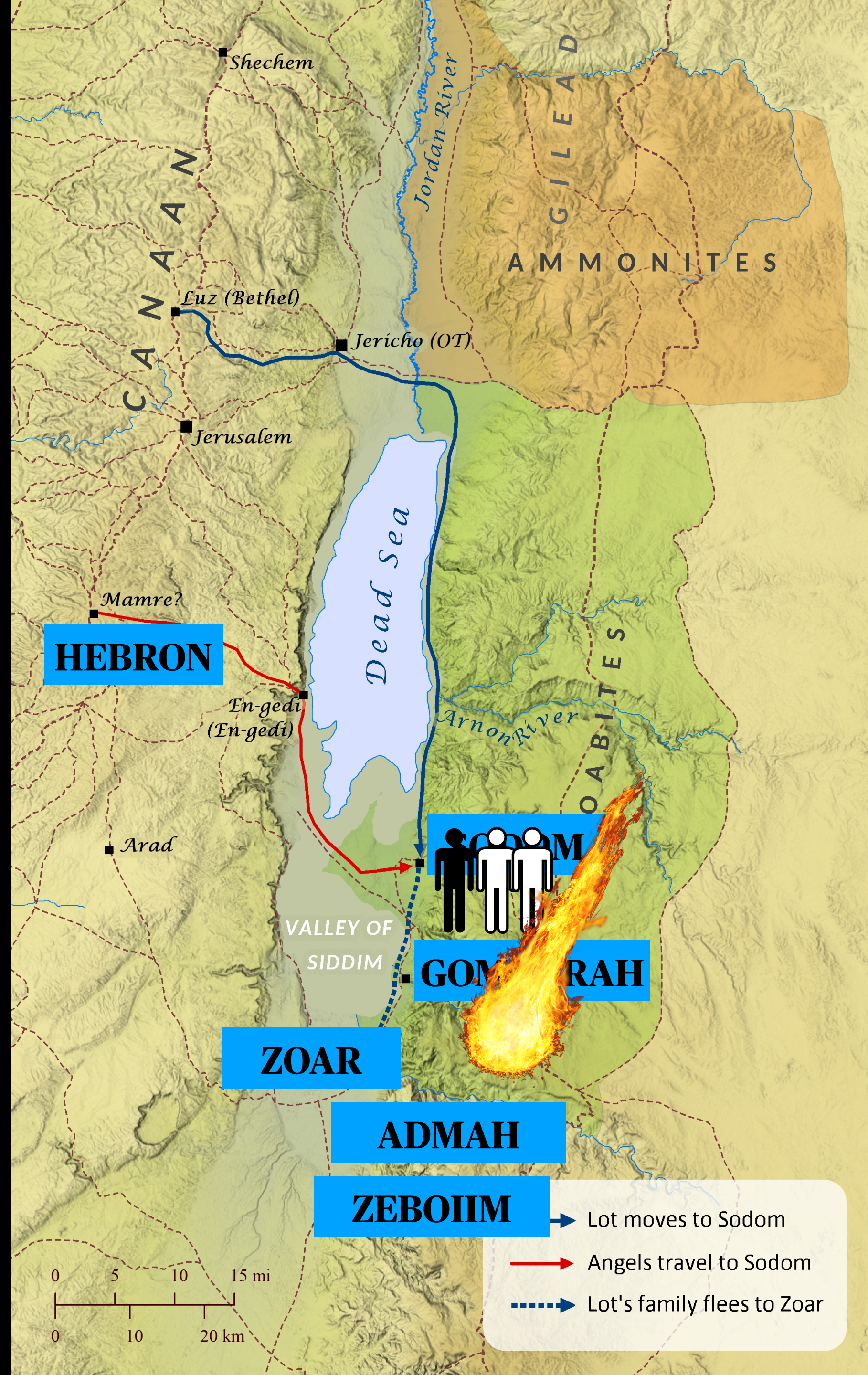
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*Deut. 28:28 “The LORD will smite you with madness and with **blindness** and with bewilderment of heart; 29 and you will **grope at noon, as the blind man gropes in darkness**, and you will not prosper in your ways; but you shall only be oppressed and robbed continually, with none to save you.*

*Deut. 29:22* “Now the generation to come, your sons who rise up after you and the foreigner who comes from a distant land, when they see the plagues of the land and the diseases with which the LORD has afflicted it, will say, **23 ‘All its land is brimstone and salt, a burning waste, unsown and unproductive, and no grass grows in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and in His wrath.’** 24 “All the nations will say, ‘Why has the LORD done thus to this land? Why this great outburst of anger?’ 25 “Then men will say, ‘Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.’



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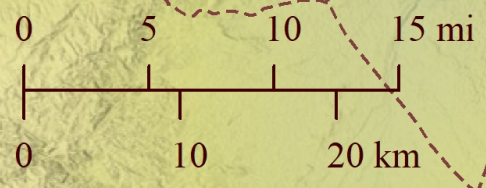
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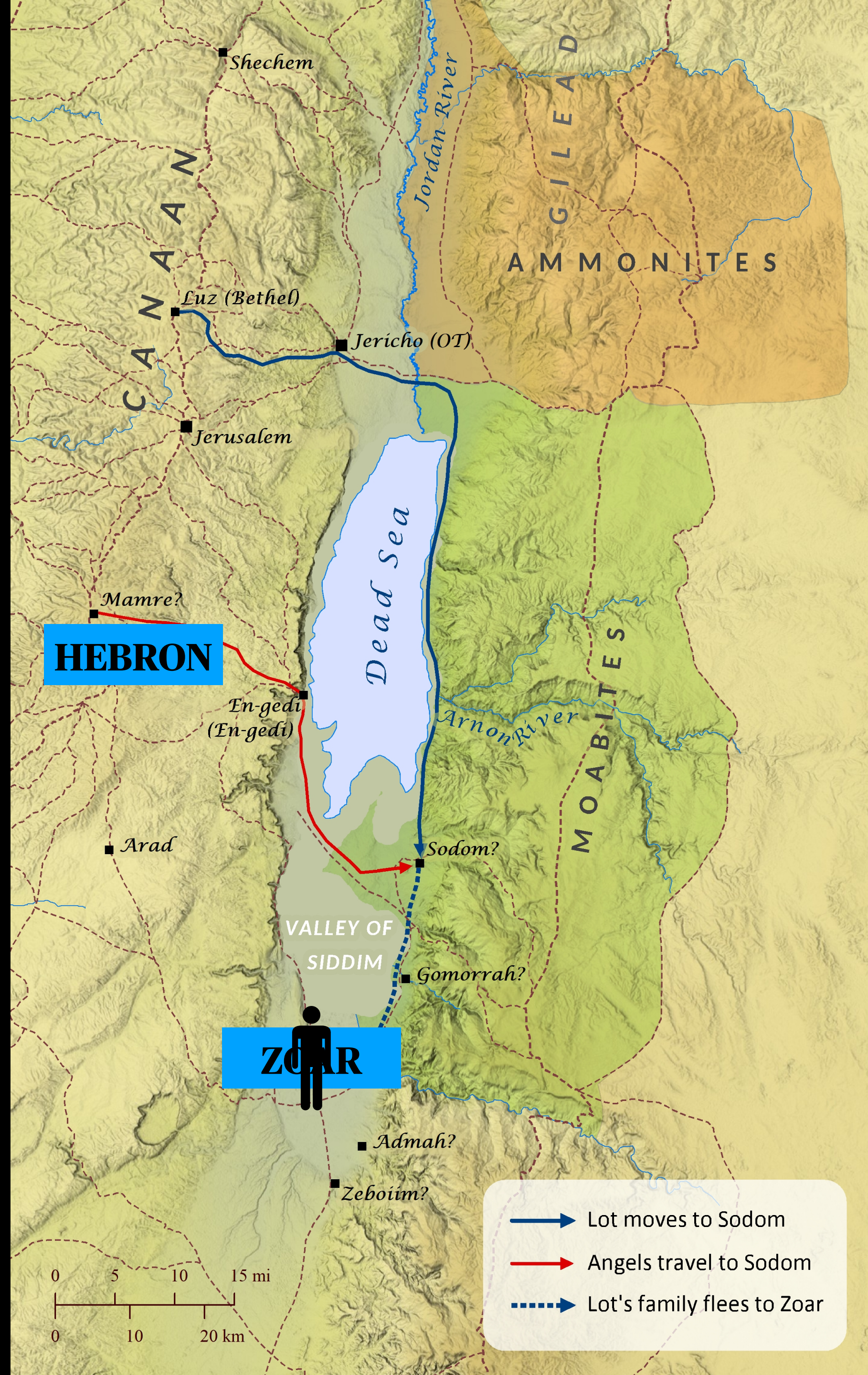
(Q) What does Lot's wife looking back reveal about her heart? Is there anything that I've held onto from my unbelieving days, that still has a pull on me? Where is God calling me to greater obedience?

(Q) What does this passage teach me about the seriousness of collective, normalized wickedness? How can I stay faithful to God in this kind of environment? How can I stop my heart from being desensitized? (Social media, movies, music, friendships, news articles)

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# 5. The Aftermath (19:30-38)

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*19 Men will go into caves of the rocks*

*And into holes of the ground*

*Before the terror of the LORD*

*And the splendor of His majesty,*

*When He arises to make the earth tremble.*

*20 In that day men will cast away to the moles and the bats*

*Their idols of silver and their idols of gold,*

*Which they made for themselves to worship,*

*21 In order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs*

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*When He arises to make the earth tremble.*

*Matt. 24:15 “Therefore when you see the  
ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was  
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the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then  
those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.  
17 “Whoever is on the housetop must not go down  
to get the things out that are in his house. 18  
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his cloak.*

*Rev. 6:12 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. 14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they \*said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"*

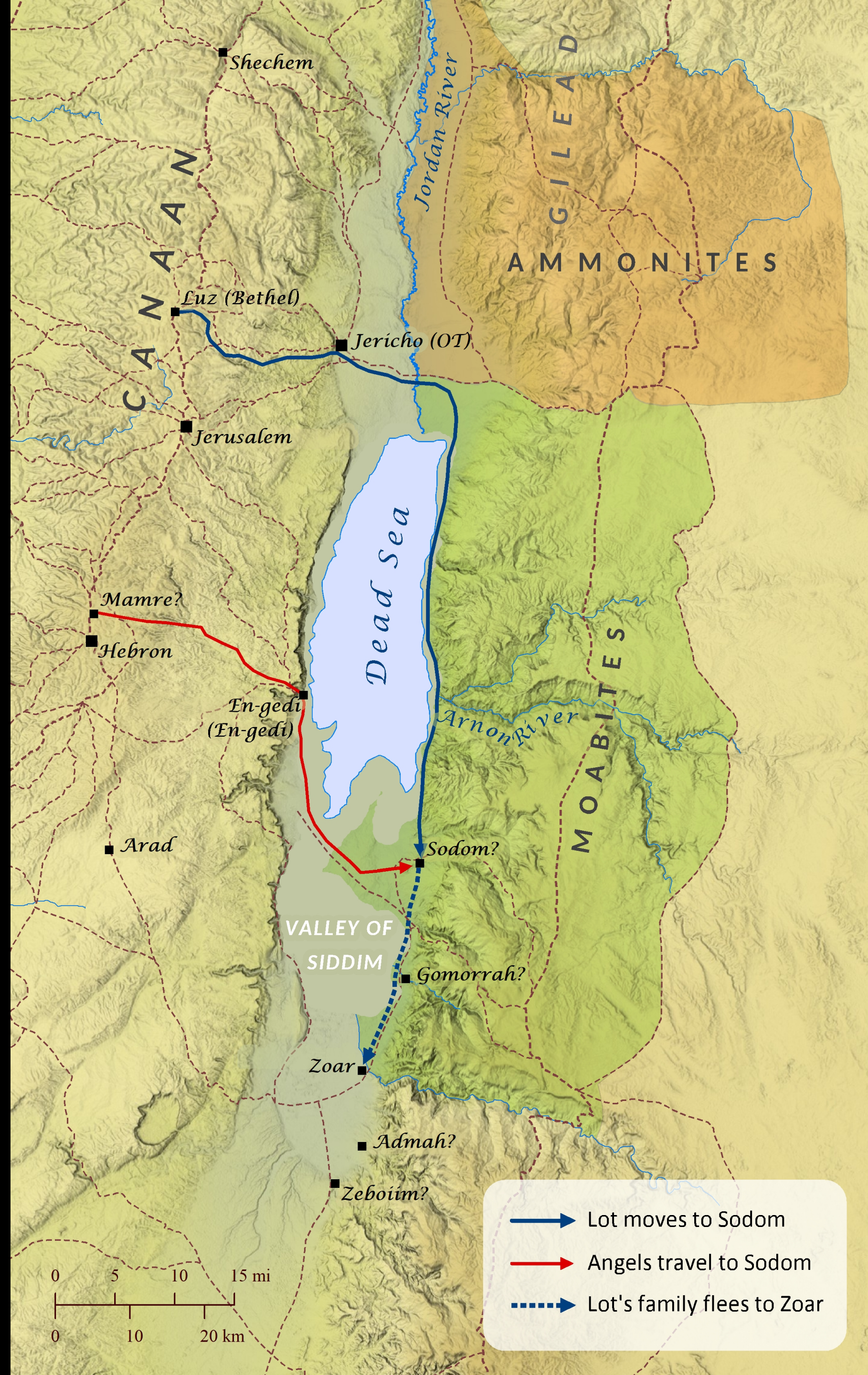
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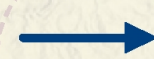
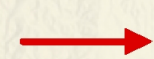

*Gen. 19:36 Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. 37 The firstborn bore a son, and called his name **Moab**; he is the father of the Moabites to this day. 38 As for the younger, she also bore a son, and called his name **Ben-ammi**; he is the father of the sons of Ammon to this day.*

**Moab = “from father”**

**Ben-Ammi = “son of my kin”**

**Moabites + Ammonites are related to Israel, but also become Israel's enemies.**



-  Lot moves to Sodom
-  Angels travel to Sodom
-  Lot's family flees to Zoar

**Moab is in God's redemptive  
plan. What significant  
individual emerges from Moab?**



# **GENESIS 20-21**

**Abraham, Abimelech, and Isaac's Birth**

# NEXT WEEK: Personal study questions (Genesis 20-21)

1. Why does Abraham say that Sarah is his sister? What does this reveal about Abraham's fears? What chapter do we remember reading a story similar to this?
2. How does God intervene in Abimelech's life? What does this teach us about God's sovereignty over rulers and nations?
3. What does Abimelech say about his innocence and integrity? How does Abraham explain his actions?
4. Why is Abraham called a prophet in this context?
5. In regards to His covenant faithfulness, what does chapter 20 show us about God's protection over Sarah?
6. What details are repeated about the timing of Isaac's birth? How does Sarah respond to his birth?
7. How does Abraham feel about Sarah's demand concerning Hagar/Ishmael? Why would God tell him to listen to her? Why is it so important for Isaac and Ishmael to be separated?
8. How does God care for Hagar/Ishmael in the wilderness?
9. What agreement do Abraham and Abimelech make in the wilderness? Why is this covenant important in Abraham's story?
10. How is God's faithfulness and compassion seen in these chapters?

# Application Questions (Ch.18-19)

1. 18:1-15 Look at how Abraham responds when the LORD arrives. How can I cultivate a heart that has the same urgency and desire to please God as Abraham? What would it look like for me to give God my best? (Time, energy, resources, desires, affections) Where am I lacking in this?
2. 18:16-33 Why do you think Abraham intercedes so fiercely, rather than just care about Lot? How fiercely do I intercede for others in my life? What does this teach me about how my prayers for others ought to look like?
3. 19:1-11 What signs of compromise did I see in Lot's life? Are there any similar forms of compromise in my life? Are there areas where I am tolerating or normalizing what God calls wrong? What are some warning signs of drifting into this? What makes compromise easy to justify?
4. 19:12-29 What does Lot's wife looking back reveal about her heart? Is there anything that I've held onto from my unbelieving days, that still has a pull on me? Where is God calling me to greater obedience?
5. What does this passage teach me about the seriousness of collective, normalized wickedness? How can I stay faithful to God in this kind of environment? How can I stop my heart from being desensitized? (Social media, movies, music, friendships, news articles)