

Parallels in the framing verses of Genesis 12.10-20 and 13.5-13

12.8-10

From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and **pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east**; and there he **built an altar to YHWH and invoked the name of YHWH**.

9 And **Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb**.

10 *Now there was a famine in the land.* **So Abram went down to Egypt** to reside there as an alien, for the famine was severe in the land.

13.1-4

So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his woman, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb.

2 *Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.*

3 **He journeyed on by stages from the Negeb** as far as Bethel, to the place **where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai**,

4 to the place **where he had made an altar at the first; and there Abram called on the name of YHWH**.

Parallels between 12.10-20 and 13.5-13

	12.10-20	13.5-13
CRISIS	Stress from lack of food	Stress on land and among people from too much stuff
ABRAM'S GOAL	Save his own life	Avoid "strife" between Lot's and Abram's groups
ABRAM'S PROPOSAL	Sarah: say you're my sister	Lot: separate yourself
RESPONSE	Pharaoh: take and be gone	Lot: settled in Sodom Abram: settled in Canaan