

the whole land before thee? (And I can imagine how he looked way down to the Jordan Valley, and up and down over that hill country there) Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. And Lot chose all this wonderful plain of Jordan and went down there, and Abram had this poor hill country up here. It is a wonderful story to tell in Sunday School, to show the selfishness of Lot and the unselfishness of Abram, a wonderful story to tell so long as you tell it over here in the United States and not in Palestine. But the trouble is if you tell it in Palestine. If you go as I did, in July a year ago, and you walk along there between Bethel and Ai, and you look at this hill country where Abram stayed and see the shepherds coming along, blowing on their little pipes and behind them come the sheep and the goats, and they take them out to the pasture land, and it is a very attractive scene; and then you look down below, way down to the Jordan Valley, and down there you see a parched, desolate area, with hardly anything growing, and in the middle of it a muddy river coming down. You look down there, and you say, Why on earth would anybody want to live there? In 1929 I rode down there on horseback with Dr. Albright of John Hopkins University and Prof. _____ of Breslau University in Germany. We rode down there, and the heat, and the dust, and the lack of vegetation, - oh we all thought it was terrible. I would have enjoyed it because it reminded me of some of the deserts in southern California which I used to live in and enjoy. But as you looked at that desolate area you would wonder, "What on earth would Lot want to chose this for? Maybe Lot was not such a bad character ater all". But the representation the story gives here is that Lot lifted up his eyes and beheld all the