

Genesis 18:1-15



THE BIRTH OF ISAAC PROMISED

Notes on the Reading, Genesis 18:1-15

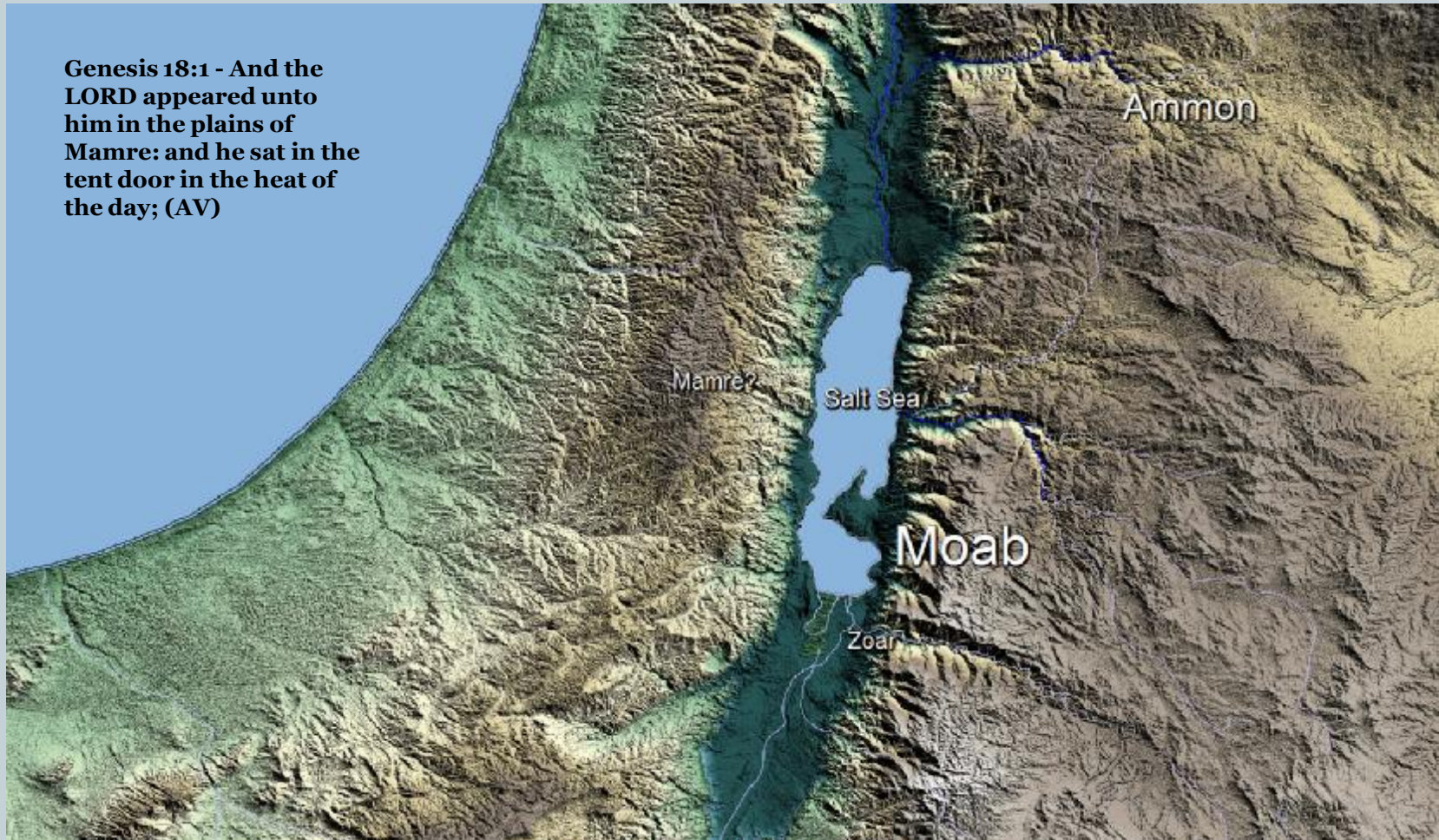


- 18.1 – “The LORD appeared to him,” cf. vv. 10, 13.
- 18.12 – “Sarah laughed to herself,” cf. 17.17.
- 18.14 – “Is anything too difficult for the LORD?”

Geography of Genesis 18-19



Genesis 18:1 - And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; (AV)



Genesis 18:16--19:38



THE DESTRUCTION OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH

Notes on the Reading, Genesis 18:16-19:38



- 18.16 – “Looked down toward Sodom,” cf. 18.27-28.
- 18.17-19 – An aside by the Lord.
- 18.20 – *Prosopopeoia*, things represented as persons, here human actions attributed to things. Cf. Isa. 59.12; Jer 14:7; James 5.4; Rev 18:5. Contrast Gen 30.33.
- 18.21 – “I will go down now and see.” Cf. 6.5; 11.5. Like a fact finding session before a judge.
- 18.23 – “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?” Abraham’s intercession for Lot. Cf. 19.16; Luke 17:26-32; 2 Peter 2:4-9; Gen 19:9.

Abraham's Intercession for Lot, 18:23-33



Abraham	LORD
Premise: Will you sweep away righteous with the wicked?, v. 23	
Spare the cities for 50 righteous?	I will spare the whole place for 50
Premise: Shall not the Judge of the Earth deal justly?, v. 25	
Spare the cities for 45 righteous?	I will not destroy it if I find 45
Spare the cities for 40 righteous?	I will not do it on account of the 40
Spare the cities for 30 righteous?	I will not do it if I find 30
Spare the cities for 20 righteous?	I will not destroy it on account of the 20
Spare the cities for 10 righteous?	I will not destroy it on account of the 10

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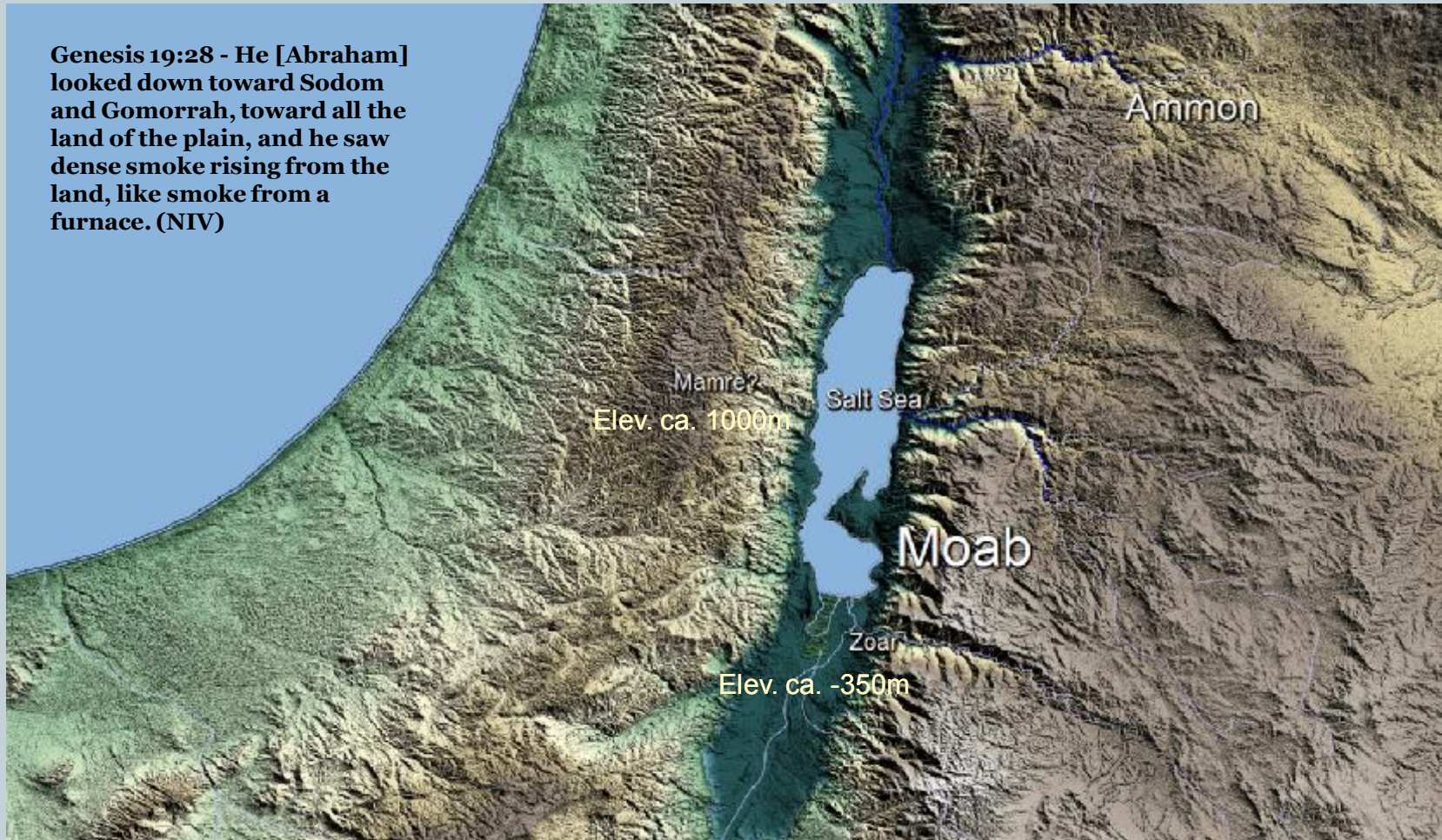


- 19.23 – “The town was called Zoar.”
- 19.25 “And He overthrew those cities.” Judah is called Sodom in Isa 1:9f; Rom. 9:29; Ezek 16:46, 55. Compare Matt 10:15; 11:23. Jude 1:7 says the judgment on Sodom is an example and illustration of eternal punishment.
- 19.29 - “And his two daughters with him.” Ryrie calls his daughters “The Sodom-tainted, virgin daughters of Lot.”
- Verses 30-38 give us the origins of Ammonites and the Moabites which become important later during the wilderness wanderings. They also serve as a warning to believers concerning the influence of ungodly association.

Abraham's View of the Destruction



Genesis 19:28 - He [Abraham] looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, toward all the land of the plain, and he saw dense smoke rising from the land, like smoke from a furnace. (NIV)



Descriptive Names of God in Genesis



Hebrew Phrase	English Equivalent
bārûk̄ yhw̄h(ʾādōnāy) ʾēlōhê šēm	“Blessed be Yahveh, God of Shem ,” Gen 9:26
qōnē ^h šāmáyim wāʾāreṣ	“ Possessor of Heaven and Earth,” Gen 14:19, 22
ānōkî māgēn lāk̄	“I (Am) a Shield to You,” Gen 15:1
šōpēt̄ kol-hāʾāreṣ	“ Judge of All the Earth,” Gen 18:25