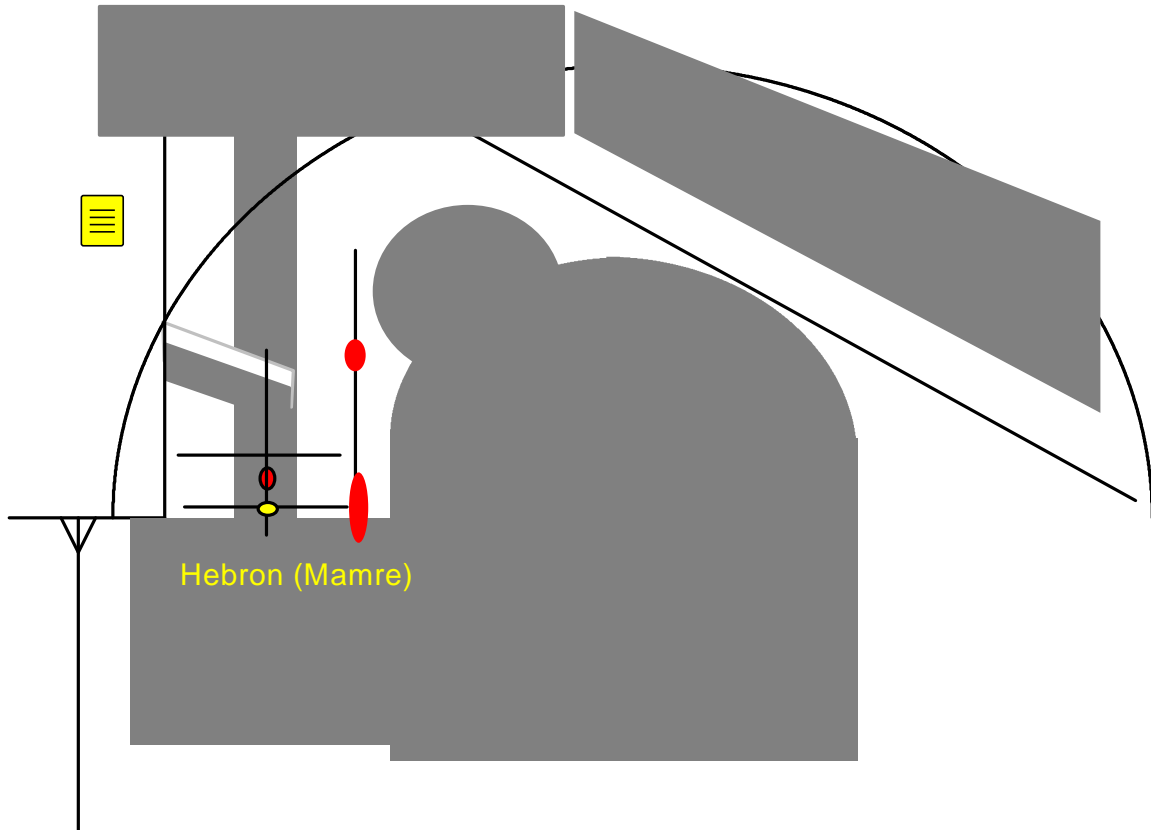


Abraham

Abram received Covenant of Circumcision

Location -- (Mamre)



Even after another covenantal assurance (Gen. 17:1-21) in which the rite of circumcision was made a covenantal sign, Abram and Sarai still questioned God's promise of an heir.

Abraham

Promises (Gen 17:1-21 NIV)

You will be father of many nations.

You and your male descendents will be circumcised

Your descendents will come from Sarah

Your name will now be Abraham, father of many nations.

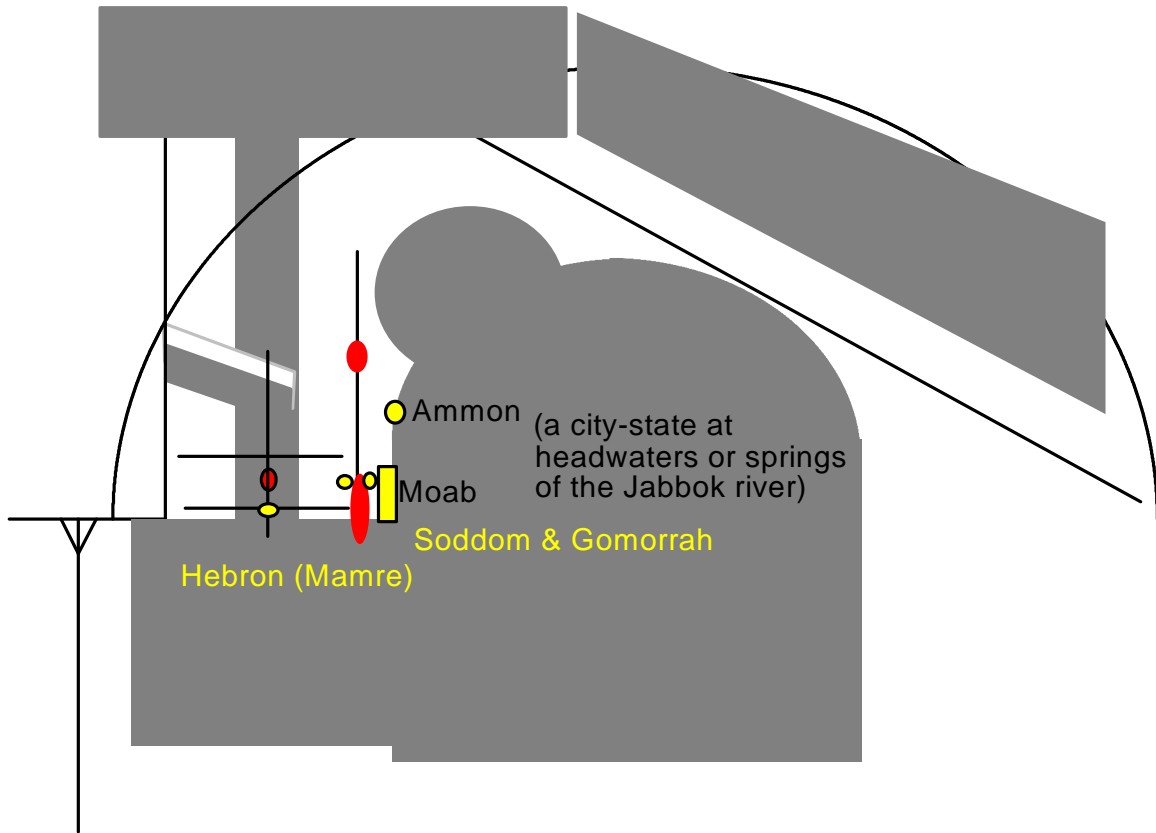
Sarai's name will be Sarah, she will be mother of nations.

(Gen 17:1-21 NIV)

Abraham

Sodomy and Incest (Gen 19)

Location -- Sodom, Moab, Ammon

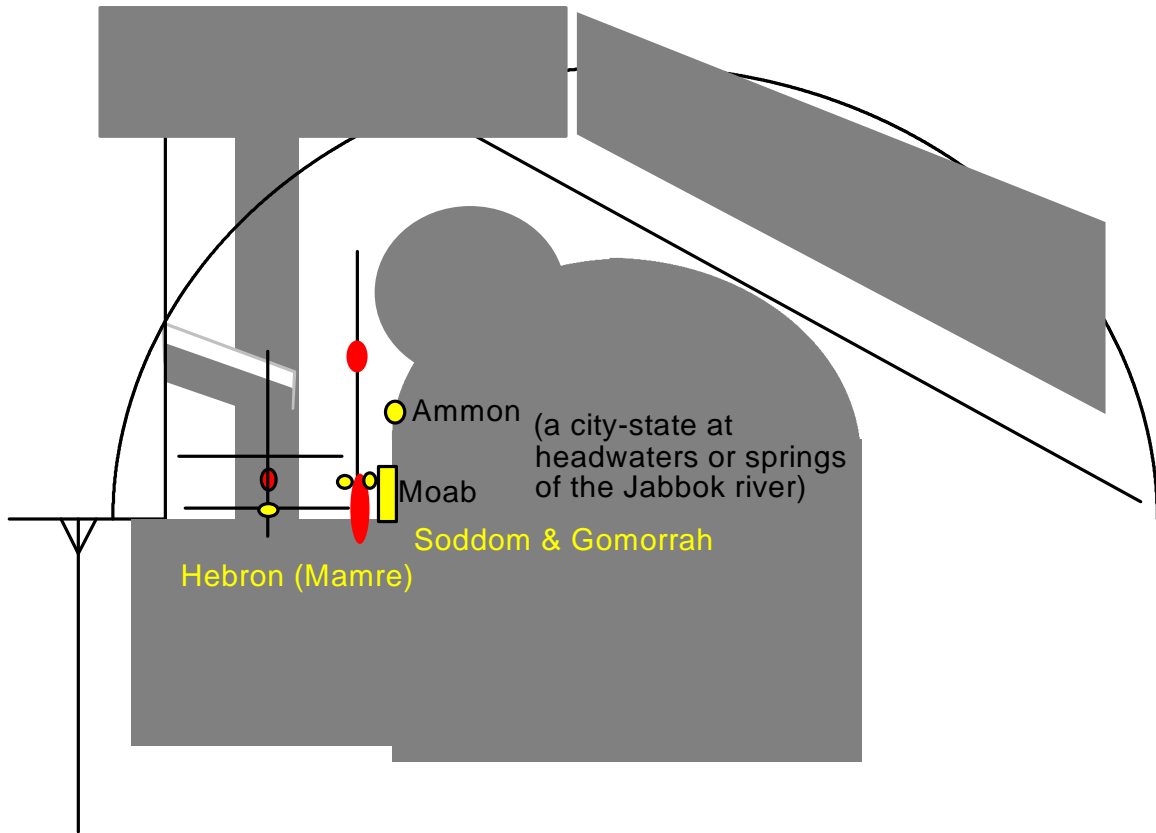


Ten righteous men?

Lot is not mentioned again until Genesis 19 when two angels visited him. God had already told Abraham that He intended to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 18:20). Abraham interceded on behalf of Sodom, that if ten righteous men were found in Sodom that God would not destroy the city (Gen. 18:32).

Abraham

Inspection uncovers sodomy -- even in the children



Inspection uncovers sodomy -- even in the children

The two angels were apparently going to inspect it. When the angels arrived, Lot received them with hospitality. When the townsmen heard that two strangers were staying with Lot, they wanted to have sexual relations with them. Lot protected his guests and offered them his daughters instead. The townsmen refused this offer and tried unsuccessfully to get the two strangers. For Lot's help, the angels revealed God's desire to destroy Sodom and urged Lot to take his family to the hills to safety. They warned Lot and his family not to look on Sodom.

Abraham

Hills for safety? No, another city.

Lot, instead of going to the hills for safety, decided to live in another city (Zohar). In their flight from Sodom, Lot's nameless wife looked at the destruction and turned to a pillar of salt (Gen. 19:1-29). Abraham had rescued Lot, again, (Gen. 19:29; compare 12:4).

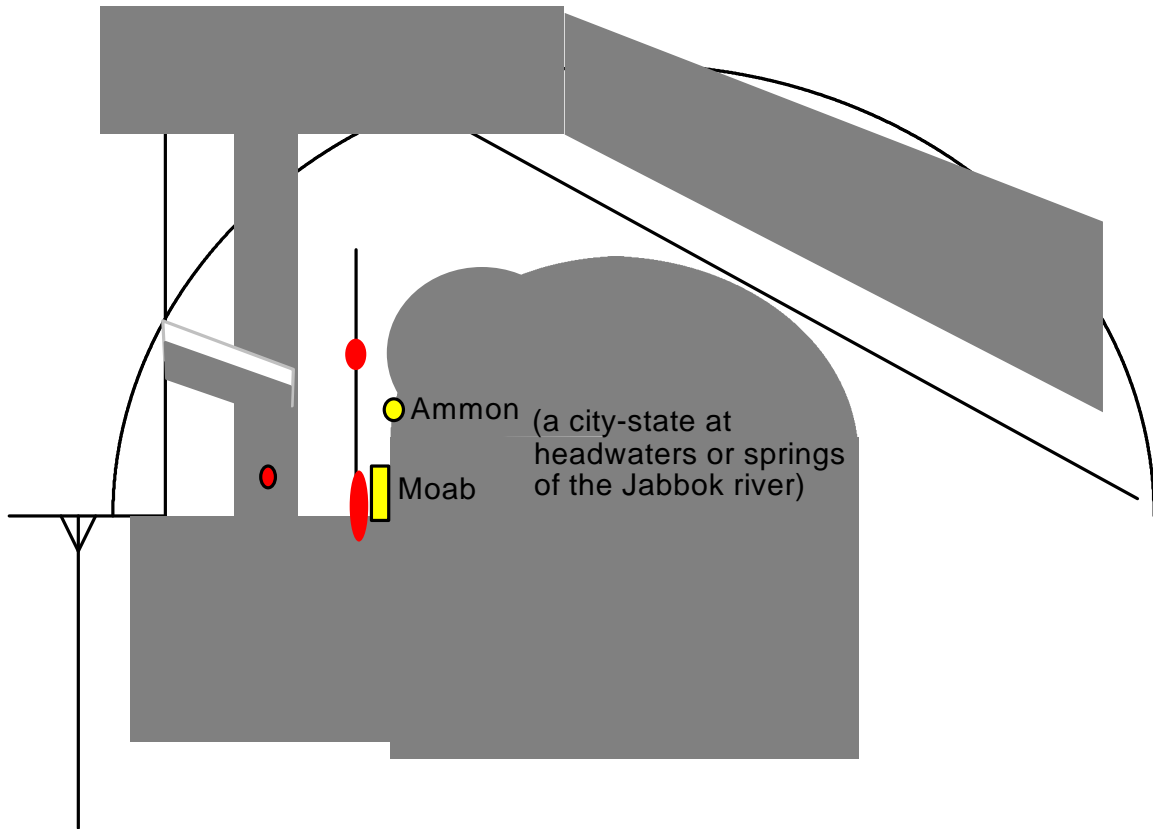
(Gen 19 NIV)



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Incest = Moab and Ammon

Location -- Moab and Ammon



Abraham

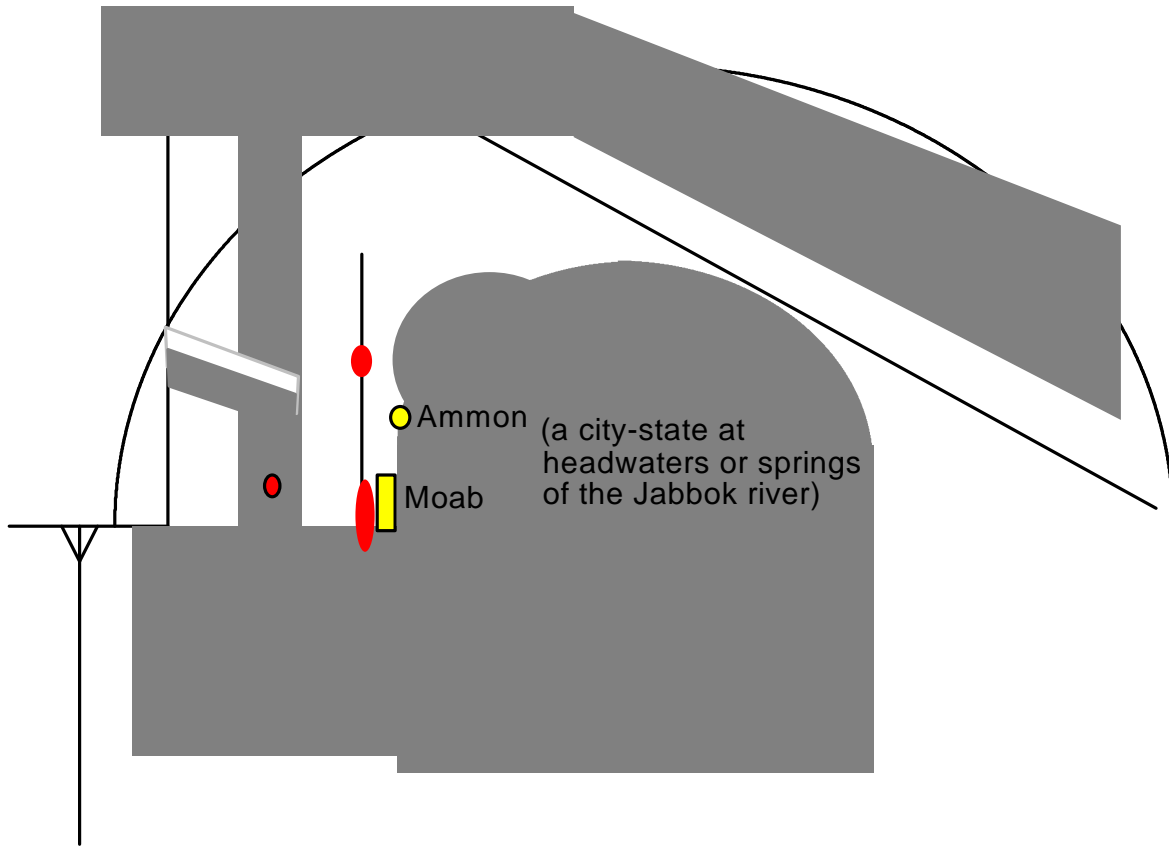
Lot's Daughters decided to deceive their father

As it turned out, Lot feared to live in the city of Zohar and decided to live in the surrounding caves instead. His daughters, fearing that they would never have offspring, decided to deceive their father into having intercourse with them. They got their father drunk; both conceived a son by him. The son of the eldest daughter was called Moab and became the father of the Moabites. The son of the youngest daughter was named Ben-ammi and became the father of the Ammonites (Gen. 19:30-38). Later in Israel's history, God desired to ensure the place of the Moabites and Ammonites in Palestine (Deut. 2:9). The Moabites and Ammonites betrayed their relationship, however, by joining with Assyria at a later period (Ps. 83:5-8).

Abraham

Lot's Wife

Location -- Moab and Ammon



In the New Testament, the day of the Son of man is compared to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Luke 17:28-29). The followers of Jesus are warned not to desire their former lives, like Lot's wife, but to be willing instead to lose their lives. Losing one's life is the only way to gain life (Luke 17:32). The story of Lot is also used to show the faithfulness of God to rescue his people (2 Pet. 2:7).