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...BY TITHING**

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¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ Then Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine; he was a priest to God Most High.



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MEDITERRANEAN SEA



Possible location of Sodom, Gomorrah, Zebolim, Admah

Eastern Desert

AMALEKITE

AMORITES

HORIZITES

REPHEIM

ZUZIM

EMIM

Beersheba Negeb

Wilderness of Zin

Valley of Siddim

Zoar

Tamar

Punon

Kadesh-barnea

Dibon

Kiriathaim

Jericho

Ai

Bethel

Shechem

Ham (Gen. 14:5)

Ashtaroth

Karnaim

Hazor

Dan

Litani River

Pharpar River

Lake Huleh

Sea of Galilee

Yarmouk R.

Jordan River

W. Euphrates R.

Jabbok River

Yarkon River

Bezar

W. of Arish

Arnon River

Dead Sea

Valley of Shaveh

Hebron (Mamre)

Gerar

Beersheba

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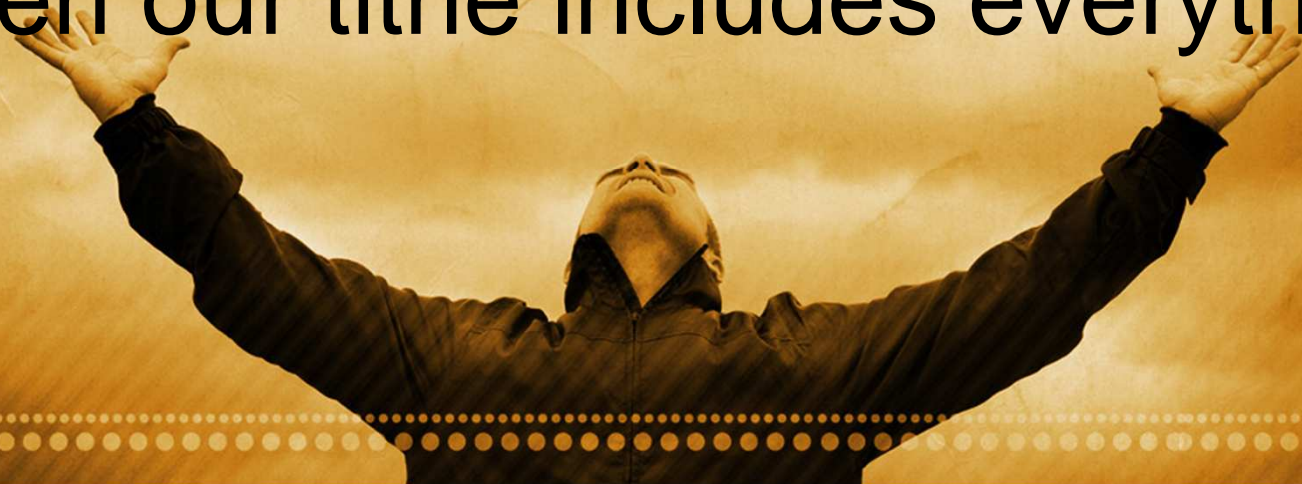
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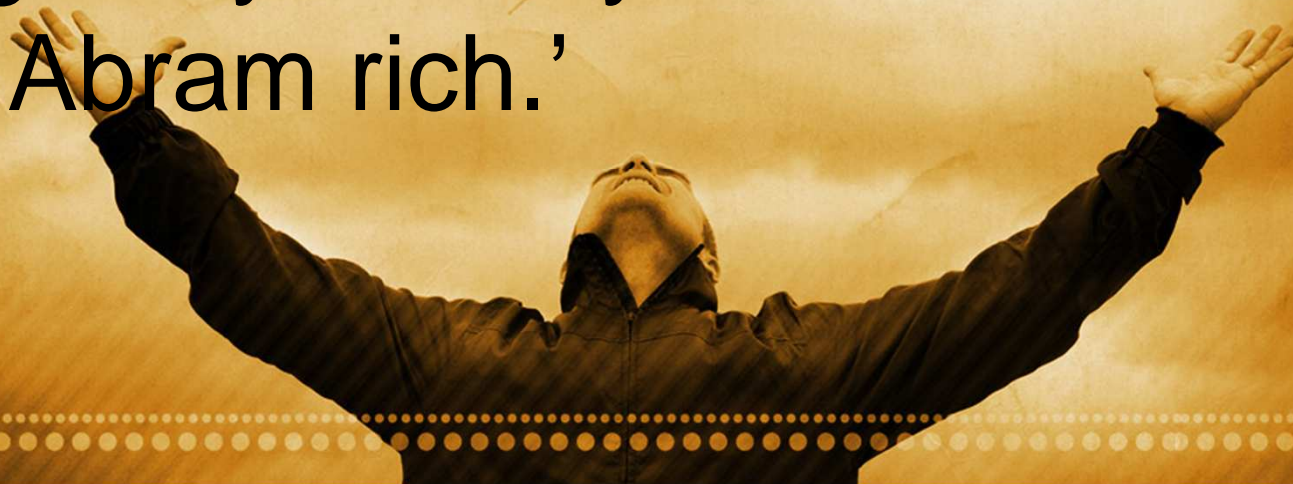
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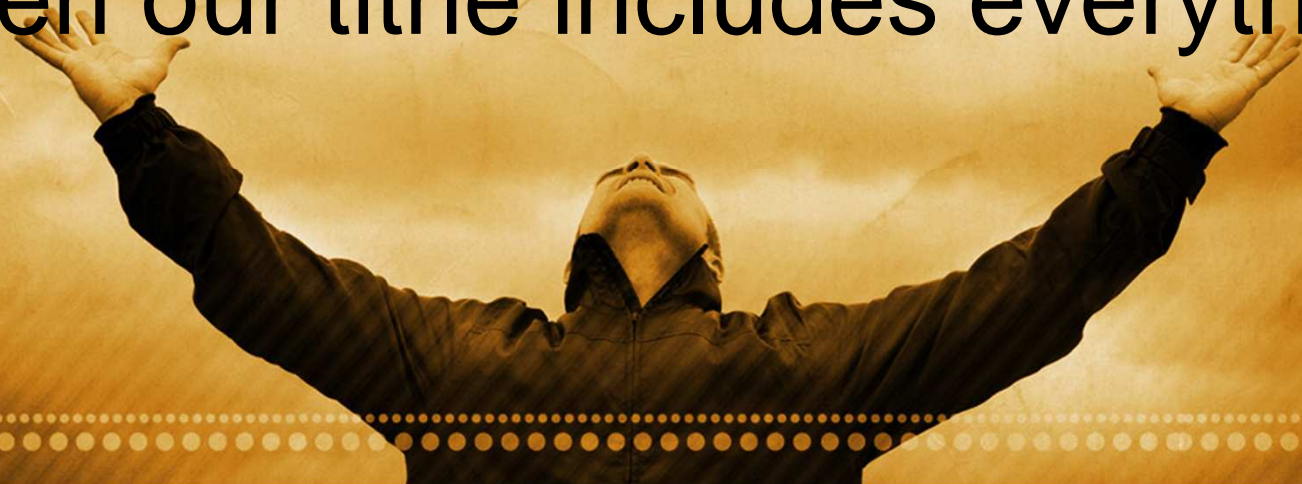


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