#### THE STUDY OF

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."



# Conformed & Compromised Rather Than Transformed

Genesis 19:1-14

#### v.19 Abraham NEEDS to Know!

- -God knows what Abraham needed.
- -For Abraham to understand correct righteousness and judgment, God invites him into His process and plan.
- -If Abraham does as God does, he will be a blessing.



### Vs26-33 Rightly Ordered Compassions

- Is God's Word and Way first in our lives and households? (Duet 6:4-7; Matt 22:37-40; Mark 12:30)
- Our love for God should inform our love for people. If it is the other way around, we are headed for ruin.
- How are your compassions ordered? Is your heart in line with God's?

# v.1 Ancient City Gates

- A place to "vet" visitors outside of the walls of the city. The main entry into the city. A place of business, justice, and judgment. The court would be held in the gate of the city. The gate was where rulers met, and plans were made.

(Prov 1:21; Gen 19:1, 22:17; Deut. 21:18-21; Ruth 4:1-11; 1 Sam. 4:18)

# v1-2 Is Lot Righteous? How?!

- The biblical narrative lends to calling him righteous. (Gen 19:16, 2 Pet. 2:7-8)
- He is justified by faith. (Gen 15:6; Gal 3:9; Rom. 4-8; Eph 2:8-9)
- All have sinned, but remaining in sin has consequences for believers. (1 Cor 3:15, 11:29-32)

### v4-11 The Men of Sodom

- Abusive, sadistic, depraved, sexually immoral, committed to violence and depravity.
- The city is represented as a whole by the mob. It was made up of "young and old" and men from "every part of the city".

# v4-11 Satanic Discipleship - Romans 1

- -Reject God, be turned over to a debased mind. Push God out of their knowledge and any accountability that comes with it.
- -Commit evil acts from an evil heart and depraved character. Steal, kill & destroy.
- -Approve of and promote those who do the same.

#### V6-8 Lot's Failures

- -Failed to lead his household (not even 10).
- -Failed to protect his household.
- -Failure in his witness.
- -Failure to exercise Godly wisdom.
- -Settling for what the world had to offer.
- -Living for self, rather than for the Lord.

# V6-8 Compromise Leads to Delusion

- -Starts small and ends up big.
- -Morality shifts from God's standard to your own standard.
- -Your standard continues to drift away from God and becomes more and more evil.
- -The end is calling evil good, and good evil.
- (Jam. 1:13-15; Rom 1:24-28; Matt 7:24-29; Isa. 5:20)

### V10-14 God is Patient and Faithful

- -Willing to wait and leave the 99 for the 1.
- -God is faithful even when we are not.
- -He is merciful to us when we deserve judgment.
- -He is slow, not wanting any to perish.

(Gen. 10-14; Matt 18:12-14; 2 Pet. 3:9; 2 Tim. 2:13; Ps 25:10)

#### Romans 12:1-2

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

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## Abraham's Chronology:

- Age 75 (Gen. 12:1-5; 13:16) (Sarai = 65).
- Father a great nation (the Jews)
- Possess a specific land
- Be blessed above all nations
- Through them, all nations would be blessed
- Gospel to Abraham (Gal. 3:8)

Land Covenant - "unconditional" geographical boundaries (Gen. 12:7; 13:14-15; 15:18-21), temporary exile as a "conditional" part of the covenant Deut. 30:1-10

Age 86 (Gen. 16:16) Abe and Hagar had Ishmael,

Age 99 (Gen. 17:1, 17:17) changed his name to Abraham, reiterated the covenant and added that Kings would come from his line, and circumcision as asign

Age 100 (Gen. 21:5) Abraham fathers Isaac with Sarah

Gen. 22 Gospel type, God speaks and swore He would fulfill these promises by Himself, 1st Love and Lamb Age 137 (Gen. 23:1) Abraham's wife Sarah dies

Age 140 (Gen. 25:20) Abraham's son Isaac marries Rebekah
Age 175 (Gen. 25:7)<sub>22</sub>Abraham dies