

THE STUDY OF

GENESIS

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



Compromise & Consequences:

The Cave In:

A Lot of Loss

Genesis 19:15-38

Recap

- Redeemer/Seed Hunt Gen. 3:15;
12:1-3
- LOT - 3rd/final installment in the
trilogy of Abram-Lot narratives (Gen.
13, 14, 18-19)

Past Promises and Future Faithfulness

“The purpose of Genesis is intricately bound up with the purpose of the Pentateuch as a whole, which looks to the future as the time when God’s faithful promises would be fulfilled.”

-Sailhamer

Different Times, Same Lord.

v.15 Light and Darkness

Dark: Sodom's wickedness (depicted in darkness, Gen. 19:2, 4-5)

Light: Salvation/ Rescue occurs at daybreak

v.16 by the hand...

Lot lingered

Took them by the hand

All because of, and by God's mercy/

Compassion (Chemlah; Isa. 63:9; Ro. 8:32)

v.17-18 Flee! Escape! Urgent!

"Flee" (mālēt) appears five times (v. 17 [2×], 19, 20, 22)

Reluctant to leave? (1 Cor 6:18; 10:14; 1 Tim 6:11; 2 Tim 2:22; Rev 12:6)

Urgency discrepancy “please, no!”

v.19-23 Fear and Loathing in Sodom

I cannot, You won't protect me...

Zoar "small", was a mini-Sodom

"Not even brimstone will make a pilgrim of him: he must have his little Sodom again if life is to be supportable." - Kinder

v.24-25 From Peasure to Pits

Eden (Gen. 13:10) Flood (Gen. 7:4; 8:2)

Sulfur became a symbol of divine judgment in later biblical writings (Psalm 11:6; Isa. 30:33; 34:9; Eze. 38:22)

God's judgment against wickedness (2 Pet. 2:6–9; Jude 7)

v.26 Looking, longing, lagging

Jesus - “Remember Lot's wife” (Luke 17:32)

Salt - likely related to the Dead Sea area's mineral deposits— the consequences of disobedience (Luke 17:28-29, 32)

Nothing can grow/live there...

v.26 Looking, longing, lagging

The Hebrew נָצַב for "pillar" suggests something set to watch—Lot's wife stands as a sentinel over the lifeless Dead Sea area, warning believers not to turn back, but choose life of following Jesus.

Do we have spiritual focus like those in
Phil. 3:20-21 who "eagerly wait for a
Savior" rather than those in Phil. 3:19
"who set their minds on earthly things."
Our spiritual vision determines our destiny
(1 Tim. 4:8, 2 Cor. 4:18)
Horizontal vs Vertical Vision?

v.27-29 Furnace and Faithfulness

Referenced throughout Scripture (Deut. 29:23; Isa, 13:19; Jude 7)

Smoke often accompanies divine appearances (Gen. 15:17; Isa. 6:4; Ex. 19:18) and signifies judgment (2 Sam. 22:9; Psalm 18:9; Rev. 9:2).

v.30-38 Preverted Plot to Preserve

Sailhamer notes the irony: "In his own drunkenness Lot carried out the shameful act that he himself had suggested to the men of Sodom"

Moab and Ben-Ammi—became (Moabites and Ammonites) later opposed Israel

Consequences of Compromise

Lot was saved "yet as by fire" (1 Cor. 3:15), his rescue was because of Abraham (Gen. 19:29)—wholly a matter of God's grace and mercy (Gen. 19:19).

Lot's tragic end serves as a powerful warning to believers. He was "conformed to the world" (Rom. 12:2), everything he lived for was destroyed.

His life illustrates (1 John 2:15) "Do not love the world or anything in the world."

James 1:27 further warns us not to be "stained by the world"

Wheres your Heart, Vision, Witness?

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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)

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.

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The mountains often serve as sanctuaries
(Josh 2:16, 22; 6:2; Judg 20:47; 1 Sam
22:1; Ps 11:1)

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 a sign

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**)₃₁ Abraham dies