

Genesis Chapter 19: Night of the Living Dead; Vexed but Unmoved

Genesis Chapter 18 Review

5th visit: Isaac birth announcement; 3 Men: 2 Angels and the LORD

Abraham Intercedes with the LORD the as angels head for Sodom

"...far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you..." [1 Samuel 12:23]

Genesis Chapter 19 And the LORD said, **"The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave..."** [Genesis 18:20]

1Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as **Lot was sitting** in the **gate** of Sodom When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground.

Lot rose and bowed down...as did Abraham

Lot sitting in Gate of Sodom: Part of Sodom's ruling council; Where administrative and Judicial matters were discussed and prosecuted [Cf. Ruth 4:1-12]

2And he said, "Now behold, my lords, please turn aside into your servant's house, and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." They said however, "No, but we shall spend the night in the **square**."

"Turn aside": Ominous request

Square: Open space near gateway [C.f. 2Ch 32:6] Important cities; I.e. Jerusalem could have 3 or more [C.f. Ne. 8:16]

3Yet he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he prepared a feast for them, and baked **unleavened bread**, and they ate. 4Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, **surrounded the house**, both young and old, all the people from every quarter; 5and they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that **we may have relations with them**."

Unleavened Bread: First mention here; referencing fellowship with God

Leaven: Fermentation, Corruption, Sin

"Bring them out...have relations..." **Young, old, every quarter?**

Genesis 18:20 And the LORD said, **"The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave..."**

Jude 1:7 ...just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these **indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh**, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

Later:

Judges 19:22 While they were celebrating, behold, the men of the city, certain worthless fellows, surrounded the house, pounding the door; and they spoke to the owner of the house, the old man, saying, "Bring out the man who came into your house that we may have relations with him."

Now: Homosexual aggression: one of our **prophetic time clocks**

Luke 17:28 "... **as happened in the days of Lot**: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; 29 but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30"It will be **just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed**.

NO DEBATE...period; Rejection of God as Creator and Sovereign

Leviticus 18:22 'You **shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female**; it is an abomination.

Romans 1:18 (Read) For the **wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness** and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness... 25For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. 28And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over...32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give **hearty approval to those who practice them**.

Ultimate Idolatry: Relations with one resembling YOU

Narcissism nar·cis·sism n

1. **Self-admiration:** excessive self-admiration and self-centeredness
2. **Personality disorder:** in psychiatry, a personality disorder characterized by the patient's overestimation of his or her own appearance and abilities and an **excessive need for admiration**. In psychoanalytic theory, emphasis is placed on the element of **self-directed sexual desire in the condition**.

1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the **immoral man sins against his own body**. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

Would have culminated in murder [C.f. Judges 20:4]

6But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him, 7 and said, "**Please, my brothers**, do not act wickedly. 8"Now behold, I have two daughters who have not had relations with man;

please let me bring them out to you, and do to them whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come **under the shelter of my roof.**"

Judges 19:24 "Here is my virgin daughter and his concubine. Please let me bring them out that you may ravish them and do to them whatever you wish. But do not commit such an act of folly against this man."

"Please my brothers..." Lot is:
Unequally yoked

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Corinthians 6:14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

Identified with evildoers [C.f. Psalm 1]
Man-pleaser [contrast with God-pleaser]

"do nothing to these men...under the shelter of my roof": Ancient practice to protect guest in **every situation and every way possible**
Lot not cowardly as he stands in between; Daughters still virgin in Sodom!
Lot may have known they were angels [unleavened bread] and sought to do "anything" to protect them

9But they said, "Stand aside." Furthermore, they said, "This one came in as an **alien**, and already he is **acting like a judge**; now we will treat you worse than them." So they pressed hard against Lot and came near to break the door.

Exodus 2:14 But he said, "**Who made you a prince or a judge over us?** Are you intending to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?"

Goody two shoes? Believers binding with unbelievers leads to trouble

10But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. 11They struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with **blindness**, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves trying to find the doorway.

Archeology: Doors did not open from outside
Moral blindness now physical; God deals w/ rebellion against Him and His [own]

2 Kings 6:18 When they came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD and said, "Strike this people [Syria]with blindness, I pray." So He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. [C.f. **Deuteronomy 28:28 and Acts 13:11**]

12Then the two men said to Lot, "Whom else have you here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in

the city, bring them out of the place; 13 for **we are about to destroy this place**, because their outcry has become so great before the LORD that the LORD has sent us to destroy it."

God as the **Gracious One**: "Whom else do you have...?"

God as the **Righteous Destroyer**: "...we are about to destroy this place..."

Leviticus 26:30 'I then will **destroy your high places**, and cut down your incense altars, and heap your remains on the remains of your idols, for My soul shall abhor you. 31'I will lay waste your cities as well and will make your sanctuaries desolate, and I will not smell your soothing aromas. 32'I will make the land desolate so that your enemies who settle in it will be appalled over it. 33 'You, however, I will scatter among the nations and will draw out a sword after you, as your land becomes desolate and your cities become waste. [C.f. Deuteronomy 4:26; Deuteronomy 28:45; 1 Chronicles 21:15]

High Places: Planned Parenthood, San Francisco

14 Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, and said, "**Up, get out** of this place, for the LORD will destroy the city" But he appeared to his sons-in-law to be **jesting**.

Appeared to be Jestng: A grave misreading; an Eternally Lost opportunity

Jeremiah 43:1 Jeremiah, whom the LORD their God had sent, had finished telling all the people all the words of the LORD their God...and all the arrogant men said to Jeremiah, "**You are telling a lie! The LORD our God has not sent you...**

2 Peter 3:3 Know this first of all, that in the last days **mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts**, 4and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

"**Up, get out** of this place, for the LORD will destroy..."

Numbers 16:21 "**Separate yourselves** from among this congregation, that I may consume them instantly." ...45" Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them instantly." Then they fell on their faces.

Revelation 18:4 I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "**Come out of her**, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues..."

Lot had lost his influence; results of compromise on our children

"Get out of the street" analogy w/ regard to parental influence

15When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away in the punishment of the city." 16 **But he hesitated**.

End times to the Jews:

Matthew 24:17 "Whoever is on the housetop **must not go down to get the things** out that are in his house. 18"Whoever is in the field must not turn back to

get his cloak.

So the men seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the hands of his two daughters, for the **compassion of the LORD** was upon him; and they **brought him out**, and put him outside the city.

Seized: Psalm 23 "...He makes me lie down..." (dumb sheep)

Seized [rescued] because...the **compassion of the LORD** was upon him!

Deuteronomy 5:15 'You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God **brought you out** of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm [C.f. Deuteronomy 6:21; Deuteronomy 7:8]

2 Peter 2:7 ...and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men 8 (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented [vexed] day after day by their lawless deeds), 9 then the **Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation...**

Vexed: Def: 1.irritated: provoked to irritability or anxiety;2. debated: being the subject of much debate

Righteous [Imputed] **only** because he believed God

2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that **we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

2 Peter 1:4 He has granted to us His **precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers** of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Saved: Lot chose not to "be who he was in God" **I.e. Walk worthy of his calling**

HYPERLINK "http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?book_id=53&chapter=3&verse=15&version=49&context=verse**" 1 Corinthians 3:15** If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

17When they had brought them outside, one said, "**Escape for your life! Do not look behind you**, and do not stay anywhere in the valley; escape to the mountains, or you will be swept away." 18But Lot said to them, "Oh no, my lords! 19"Now behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your **lovingkindness**, which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, for the disaster will overtake me and I will die; 20 now behold, this town is near enough to flee to, and it is small. **Please, let me escape there** (is it not small?) that my life may be saved." 21He said to him, "Behold, I grant you this request also, not to overthrow the town of which you have spoken. 22"Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the town was called Zoar.

Lot knew God was loving and kind but disrespected His Lordship
Another compromise. Lot asks to spare the least contaminated cities of the 5
Zoar means "**insignificant in size**" still exists today

23The sun had risen over the earth when Lot came to Zoar. 24Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah **brimstone and fire** from the LORD out of heaven,

The LORD: After leaving Abraham; Fire and Brimstone:

Deuteronomy 29:23 'All its land is **brimstone and salt**, a burning waste, unsown and unproductive, and no grass grows in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah... which the LORD overthrew in His anger and in His wrath.' [C.f. **Psalm 11:6; Ezekiel 16:49**]

Luke 17:29 ...on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained **fire and brimstone from heaven** and **destroyed them all**.

All the city rebelled [v.4]...*all* the city destroyed

25and He overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, **and what grew on the ground**.

2 Peter 2:6 ...[God] condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter...[America?]

Psalm 107:34 [God turned] a fruitful land into a salt waste, Because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it.

26But his wife, from behind him, **looked back**, and she became a pillar of salt.

Genesis 6:3 "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever" [See Romans 1 I.e. "gave them over..."]

Disobeyed a clear command v.17: "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you..." Referred to by Jesus regarding "**sudden destruction**"

Luke 17:32 "Remember Lot's wife. 33" Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him...**1 John 2:17** The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

27 Now Abraham arose early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before the LORD; 28 and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the valley, and he

saw, and behold, the **smoke of the land ascended like the smoke of a furnace.**

Immediate judgment...**Final judgment**

Revelation 9:2 He opened the bottomless pit, and **smoke went up out of the pit**, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.

29Thus it came about, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, that **God remembered Abraham**, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.

Overthrow: Greek: *Katastrophe* [used in Jesus overthrowing the money-changers]
Cities of the Valley: Once thriving, now probably covered by the Dead Sea
Dead Sea: Large salt content and 700 foot high mountain of salt at the SW corner
God remembered Abraham...and rescued Lot

Deuteronomy 7:8...but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD **brought you out** by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 9:5 "It is not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you are going to possess their land, but it is because of **the wickedness of these nations** that the LORD your God is driving them out before you, in order to confirm the oath which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

30Lot went up from Zoar, and stayed in the mountains, and his two daughters with him; for he was afraid to stay in Zoar; and he stayed in a cave, he and his two daughters.

Lot realizes the angel's advice was correct

Cave: No more luxury of Sodom; Dead Sea scrolls found in such caves

31Then the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to come in to us after the **manner of the earth.** [Justifying]

Way of all the earth: See Ecclesiastes; I.e. "Under the sun" earthly perspective

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which **seems right** to a man, But its end is the **way of death.**

Genesis 16:2 So Sarai said to Abram, "Now behold, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid; **perhaps I will** obtain children through her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

32"Come, let us make our father drink wine, and let us lie with him

that we may preserve our family through our father." 33So they made their father drink wine that night, and the firstborn went in and lay with her father; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. 34 On the following day, the firstborn said to the younger, "Behold, I lay last night with my father; let us make him drink **wine** tonight also; then you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve our family through our father."

No possessions...except wine

Luke 21:34 "Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly **like a trap...**

35 So they made their father drink wine that night also, and the younger arose and lay with him; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. 36Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. 37The firstborn bore a son, and called his name **Moab**; he is the father of the Moabites to this day. 38As for the younger, she also bore a son, and called his name **Ben-ammi**; he is the father of the sons of **Ammon** to this day.

Sodom re-birth: Possible Rationalization (though poor):God's call to populate, the curse of barrenness, no descendants for Lot, no Scriptural ordinances against incest
Moab: "From the father" **Ben-ammi [Ammon]:** "son of my people"
Moab and Ammon: **Enemies of Israel** [see Ishmael]

1 Samuel 14:47 Now when Saul had taken the kingdom over Israel, he fought against all his enemies on every side, against **Moab**, the sons of **Ammon** [C.f. 2 Chronicles 20:1 Deuteronomy 2:9 Deuteronomy 2:19]

Moab and Ammon eventually amalgamated with the Arabs; I.e. the sons of Ishmael
Ruth was a Moabite; Moab and Ammon ultimately destroyed

HYPERLINK "http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?book_id=43&chapter=2&verse=9&version=49&context=verse**" Zephaniah 2:9** "Therefore, as I live," declares the LORD of hosts, The God of Israel, "Surely Moab will be like Sodom And the sons of Ammon like Gomorrah--A place possessed by nettles and salt pits, And a **perpetual desolation**

SUMMARY:

God's swift judgment
Lot's close attachment to wicked Sodom
Mercy toward Lot; judgment toward Mrs. Lot
Picture [Type] of the Rapture; God's definitive wrath will not come **until we are delivered:**

HYPERLINK "http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?book_id=60&chapter=2&verse=6&version=49&context=verse**" 2 Thessalonians 2:6** ...in his time [the anti-Christ and later Tribulation] will be

revealed... he who now restrains [Holy Spirit working in the church] will do so until he [Holy Spirit/Church] is taken out of the way. 8 **Then that lawless one will be revealed** whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming...

Revelation 3:10 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will **keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world**, to test those who dwell on the earth.

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Thessalonians 1:10 ... wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who **rescues us from the wrath to come**.

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Thessalonians 5:9 For **God has not destined us for wrath**, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Both Noah and Lot were delivered out before God's judgment upon a wicked society exemplified by **sexual deviancy**

Luke 17:26 "...as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, **until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came** and destroyed them all. "It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; 29 but **on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire** and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30"It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

***How are we doing as a country?** Though we are not destined for the ultimate wrath to come upon the whole earth, we may reap the whirlwind and experience devastating consequences here in America:*

HYPERLINK "http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?book_id=29&chapter=3&verse=9&version=49&context=verse" Isaiah 3:9
The expression of their faces bears witness against them, And they display their sin like Sodom; **They do not even conceal it** Woe to them! For they have brought evil on themselves.

Jeremiah 6:15 "Were they ashamed because of the abomination they have done? They were not even ashamed at all; **They did not even know how to blush**. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time that I punish them, They shall be cast down," says the LORD.