

“Destruction and Deliverance”

Genesis 19:1-38

THE WICKEDNESS OF SODOM v.1-11

- Genesis 13:13: Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD.
 - Genesis 18:20: ...the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave...
- 1. Lot's path to living in Sodom. v.1**
 - Gen. 13:10: Lot looked toward Sodom—and saw wealth & prosperity. Ref. 3:6
 - Gen. 13:12: Lot moved his tents as far as Sodom.
 - Gen. 14:12: Lot was living in Sodom.
 - Gen. 19:1: Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. He had become one of the leaders in the city.
 - 2. Lot's urgent “hospitality” to his guests. v.2-3**
 - 3. The wickedness of Sodom. v.4-5; Ref. Genesis 13:13; 18:20**
 - The men of Sodom, young & old (generations); All of them. ‘to the last man’ ‘from every quarter of the city’
 - 4. The wickedness of Sodom affected Lot. v.6-11**
 - He lost his moral perspective. **v.6-8**
 - He lost his ‘witness’ to the city. **v.9**
 - The wicked men of the city were left blind and hopeless. **v.10-11**

THE ALLURE OF SODOM. v.12-22

- 1. The angels clearly announce the judgement of God and press Lot to escape with his household. v.12-13**
- 2. The allure of Sodom distorted the thinking of Lot's sons-in-law—they thought he was joking. v.14**
→ The judgment of God is not something to be mocked—these men did not leave the city and were destroyed.
- 3. The allure of Sodom quenched Lot's conviction to lead his family in obedience. v.15-16**
 - Lot hesitated at the command to flee. **v.15-16a** → “But he lingered”
 - The angels almost had to drag Lot and his family out of the city. **v.16b** they took him “by the hand”
- 4. The allure of Sodom seduced Lot from complete and total obedience to the Lord's command. v.17-22**
 - The angels warned Lot and his family to escape. (“escape” 5 x's in v.17-22)
 - Lot hesitated again – and asked the angels to spare one little city called Zoar. → “Is it not a little one?”

THE DESTRUCTION OF SODOM. v.23-29

- 1. The judgment of God fell upon Sodom and Gomorrah. v.23-26**
 - A terrible judgment fell upon the whole territory. The LORD rained down sulfur and fire from heaven. **v.24**
 - The LORD destroyed these cities—and *all* the valley, *all* the inhabitants, and *all* the ground. **v.25**
 - Lot's wife was also destroyed. **v.26** → She “looked” back. Heb. “gazed intently” ...that's how Lot got there!
 - Throughout the OT & NT, Sodom and Gomorrah are known for God's just judgment. Deut. 29:23; Is. 1:9; 13:19; Jer. 49:18; 50:40; Matt. 10:15; 11:23-24; Luke 17:29-30; 2 Pet 2:6.
- 2. Abraham watched it from a distance. v.27-28** Ref. Gen. 18:32
- 3. But God rescued Lot. v.29**
 - “But God remembered Abraham” ...and delivered Lot from the judgment.

THE RE-BIRTH OF SODOM. v.30-38

- 1. Lot soon left Zoar, fled to the hills, and lived in a cave with his two daughters. v.30**
- 2. Lot's daughters devised a scheme so they would not remain without children. v.31-32**
- 3. The daughters got him drunk and had incestuous relations with Lot. v.33-36**
- 4. Their sons became the Moabites and the Ammonites—Israel's 2 archenemies in much of the OT. v.37-38**

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS AND APPLICATIONS...