

# Genesis 19:1-29

## Take Them Out of This Place!

*Genesis: God and Man*

We've seen God and Abraham a lot. The past seven chapters.

**However, we've seen a *little* of Lot.**

- CH 12 - God told Abram to get out of his land and his family...
- But Lot went with him (12:4)
- Abram and Lot grow big, their people don't get along, Abram let's Lot chose where to go, Lot chooses the fertile plain facing the city

**[Gen 13:9-13 NKJV] 9 "[Is] not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If [you take] the left, then I will go to the right; or, if [you go] to the right, then I will go to the left." 10 And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it [was] well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. 11 Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. 12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched [his] tent even as far as Sodom. 13 But the men of Sodom [were] exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.**

- Next chapter, war...guess who gets kidnapped...  
(these people that visit tourist destinations in Mexico...what are you thinking)
- **[Gen 14:8-12 NKJV] 8 And the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that [is], Zoar) went out and joined together in battle in the Valley of Siddim 9 against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of nations, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar--four kings against five. 10 Now the Valley of Siddim [was full of] asphalt pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled; [some] fell there, and the remainder fled to the mountains. 11 Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. 12 They also took Lot, Abram's brother's son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.**
- But Abram rescues lot
- The next we hear of him, kind of, is in the last chapter...  
Abram praying that God would spare the city for Lot's sake...  
but it doesn't seem hopeful for the city
- **It's been evident they were wicked from the beginning**

**1Jo 3:8 NKJV - He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**

Why people want to visit vegas if they don't gamble is beyond me, but hey, if you can find something fun to do in sin city that isn't sin, God bless you.

## Be careful what you envy!

[1Jo 2:15-17 NKJV] 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that [is] in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Sin has infected the world. As sin spreads, sin thinks it's getting victory...but it's not. Just like a disease that kills its host will die when its host dies, so sin will die when the infected people and world die.

**But we have eternal life**

[1Jo 5:13 NKJV] 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may [continue to] believe in the name of the Son of God.

## 19:1-3

**Shown to be angels here to the reader.**

**In the evening** (they left probably mid-afternoon, after the heat of the day)

**But...where's Jesus?** Did he not meet up with them after leaving Abraham's a little after them?

**Lot in the gates...a leader, or just wanting to be there**

*Guardian angels in NYC*

Protecting visitors? He didn't know they were angels, or necessarily they were of God

He knew his fellow Sodomites wickedness

**Insisted strongly...PRESSED upon them EXCEEDINGLY...much force**

***No...no...no...trust me...you don't want to stay in the town square overnight...it's not safe...really.***

[2Pe 2:7 NKJV] 7 and delivered righteous Lot, [who was] oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked

**[1Jo 2:29 NKJV] 29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.**

**[1Jo 3:7 NKJV] 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.**

### **Unleavened bread**

Later in Exodus, death of firstborn, passover

### **Wash your feet...**

**Remind you of anyone?** Jesus before the last Supper?

Servant. Hospitality.

Not necessarily hotels like we think of them, more like bed and breakfasts. Air BNB.

Stay in someone's house when you visit a city.

**[Rom 12:10-13 NKJV] 10 [Be] kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.**

**It's a mark of a believer...being hospitable.**

*Meeting with new tenants...believers...we talked for almost two hours.*

**See? There was a righteousness to Lot...even in Sodom.**

**What's your city like? Your town? Your neighborhood? Your home?**

*What's it REALLY like... scene in Batman Begins, she swerves off the main street and down into the underbelly*

Do you think of it one way, an ideal, a picturesque version? Do you ignore the harsh realities of the town, segment culture, society you live in?

How about the church?

**[Mat 23:23 NKJV] 23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier [matters] of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.**

## **:4-11**

**Before they lay down...**it was late, but the light was still on...

**Men...young and old...**

All corrupt. *nabla*

**Where is the male leadership in good?**

Tit 2:1-2 NKJV - But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;

**When older men fail, so does all of society.**

It is our responsibility as men to not fail. To not let down.

*Father taking his son to three different sports events. Being there for his games.*

**From every quarter...***reminds me of New Orleans*

**The mob surrounds Lot's house**

*Mob rule is a scary thing.*

**They called to Lot...**they knew Lot

**Where are the men ...**

They knew who came into the city.

WORD GOT AROUND

*It's amazing how fast word spreads sometimes...*

*Psa 22:12-13 NKJV - Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong [bulls] of Bashan have encircled Me. They gape at Me [with] their mouths, [Like] a raging and roaring lion.*

**They want to know the men carnally.**

Rape. Homosexually. Prison. European cities with 'refugees'

**Lot goes outside...calls them brethren**

He knows them, he thinks of them as his brothers...

**But...a LOT of hypocrisy here...DO NOT DO SO WICKEDLY...**

But here are my virgin daughters! WHAT...and are they really? They're married...(v14) unless he had more daughters than these...

Who does that? Who willingly gives his daughters over?  
 Maybe he knew his daughters were promiscuous  
 Maybe this is just more of Lot's own hypocrisy...not caring about his daughters being ravaged

*A lot of sex trafficking is parents selling their kids into it for the money*

Your behavior is why these guys are in my house, remember their sin vexed him

Now they don't think of Lot as their brother..."this one"  
 This guy comes into our city and keeps acting like he's our judge (sitting in the gates, telling us what's wrong here)

Pressed him (like he pressed the angels)

### **The mob always gets unruly**

If there aren't two angels in your house, this is why you need an "assault rifle"

### **The angels pull Lot in through the door...**

**They strike the men with blindness!**

### **They had power, FROM GOD, to physically blind the people**

*Now you know it's not a stretch for a fallen angel to spiritually blind someone*

We could sit on this one for a while...

### **They became weary trying to find the door...**

They didn't stop their wickedness when they were made blind  
 They were so enraged, so filled with lust and sodomy and perhaps murder...  
 That they kept clawing at the door...

sin will make you a zombie

Blind, can't find the way to be fulfilled, just clawing around for what you desire

## **:12-17**

**Now's the time...**no more playing around

The mob is outside

The time of judgment is at hand. Quick Lot...who else do you have in the city?

**They were willing to saving Lot's family...like Noah**

And his friends...**AND WHOMEVER**

**Jhn 3:16 NKJV - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**

**TAKE THEM OUT OF THIS PLACE!**

This is ground zero for what's about to happen Lot, get them, get out NOW

**The LORD sent us to destroy it...**when did he do that? They did go on ahead from Abraham's house...was it even then, when Abraham was praying, **God already knew...God wanted there to be a reason to not judge the city, but it was already too late**

**Lot went out...**his sons in law were either outside or at their own homes...but if all the men of the city where surrounding the house...

**UP!** Did he pull them off the ground or wake them up out of bed?

*In Florida, being awoken as a kid when a hurricane was coming*

**To them, he was joking**

Lot's faith was a joke to them. Either from Lot's hypocrisy in life, his bad witness, staying around in the city with them, and/or they were so callous, so blind, "THAT COULD NEVER HAPPEN HERE."

Be wary of a joking, cavalier attitude toward judgment coming upon a place  
Especially your own place

We think America will never be judged...it can't happen here

Pearl Harbor

9/11

Gun-free zones (like that will stop anything)

**:15 when the morning dawned**

This had taken all night...the first light was appearing

Maybe they had even laid down again

Arise...take your wife and two daughters who are here...there

Now there's no time to rescue others...they wouldn't come anyway, just take who's here

**LEST YOU BE CONSUMED IN THE CITY'S PUNISHMENT**

The whole city deserved what was coming, but there was grace and mercy here...giving any who would listen a way out...but Lot's family would barely listen

Even Lot lingered! DUDE. TWO ANGELS ARE TELLING YOU TO GET UP AND RUN. RUN!

Mat 24:15-22 NKJV - "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

The angels brought them outside...by the hand...dragged them out...GET OUT NOW.

RUN. GO TO THE MOUNTAIN. DON'T STAY IN THE PLAINS. DON'T LOOK BACK. IT'S GOING TO BE HORRIBLE. IT'S GOING TO BE ALL CONSUMING. YOU WON'T SURVIVE IF YOU'RE TOO CLOSE.

*Bombers testing nuclear weapons or in war dropping them*

## **:18-23**

Lot still doesn't get it.

He is afraid of the mountains...maybe because that's where some of the kings fled  
 Maybe he's such a city boy he doesn't know how to be self reliant any more  
 Maybe he's afraid of animals

He obviously doesn't get the severity of the judgment...just go to the mountains. Run. Worry about what you'll do later.

**It's a little one, just a little one!** The family's bargaining spirit here...

All the cities of the plain were going to be destroyed...but they spared Zoar because Lot wanted to be there...

**If i were one of those angels, I'd say Lot, get real, run. Stop caring about where you'll get your coffee. Who you'll hang out with. What your job will be.**

But don't we do the same? Isn't this world about to be judged at any moment when Jesus returns?

**Lot, hurry up...i can't do anything until you arrive there**

At least the angels were bringing judgment while people were sleeping

1 - so the judgment would be merciful i think, just do it while they're sleeping...like the angel of death in Exodus

2 - so people wouldn't flee

**Zoar = "insignificance" (see, just a little one)**

a city at the southeast end of the Dead Sea grouped with Sodom and Gomorrah as being one of the 5 cities slated for destruction by God; spared at Lot's plea as his place of refuge

**The sun was up by the time Lot got there...**

Saving Lot was a big pain

He dragged his feet

It took them a while

It meant the judgment took place when people were awake

Today people are awake to the judgment coming...and they don't care

That's a good sign it's time to flee...we're not going to find refuge, a life, safety, anywhere near the places of the world

In a serious disaster, they say that being near a city is the worst place you can be

**:24-29**

**Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire from heaven**

Two things:

1 - it was the LORD who did it.

2 - It was from heaven. It wasn't

**Brimstone** (sulfur...what does the lake of fire smell like? Sulfur)

of judgment (fig.)

of Jehovah's breath (fig.)



**fire**

fire, flames

supernatural fire (accompanying theophany)

fire (for cooking, roasting, parching)

altar-fire

God's anger (fig.)

**Yes, this could have been a volcanic eruption. God uses the natural.  
But here, I think it's literally judgment from heaven.**

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*i. Today, many think these cities are buried under the Dead Sea, and their complete destruction is a testament to God's judgment and grace in delivering His righteous people.*

*ii. Before this destruction the area of Sodom was unbelievably beautiful and productive, like the garden of the Lord (Genesis 13:10). Yet, this great privilege and blessing did not turn their hearts toward God.*

*iii. As well, the people of Sodom and Gomorrah saw more of the power, grace, and mercy of God than any of the other people of the region. They had been delivered from ruin by God's work through Abraham. They heard the testimony from Melchizedek and saw the example of Melchizedek and Abraham.*

**Lot's wife...not named**

**Looks back behind him...**was he pushing them to keep going from behind and not leading them from the front?

Salt...powder, pulverized

The effects of a nuclear blast on the body very similar

***it was probably a unique judgment of God on her for the state of her heart (a love for Sodom and regret for its destruction) shown by her looking back.***

*i. "The word looked back has the connotation of looking intently. It might possibly be rendered lagged back, or maybe even returned back." (Morris)*

*ii. In referring to the end times, Jesus uttered some almost cryptic words in Luke 17:32: Remember Lot's wife. In other words, no Christian should have a heart like Lot's wife as we see the end of the age, a heart that loves the world, and will in some sense, regret the judgment God will bring on it.*

**At dawn, Abraham went out where he and the LORD had talked about saving Sodom...and he sees the judgment**

*Spot on 17 where we could see the twin towers*

*From campus*

*From across the river*

*Smoke billowing*

**Like the smoke a furnace**

**Lot and his two daughters were saved because God remembered Abraham...**