

Israel's Patriarch

A Study in Genesis 12-24

Sodom's Last Day
Genesis 19:1-29
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Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven. And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. - **Genesis 19:25**

I. PRELUDE TO DESTRUCTION

- Lot, like his uncle, Abraham, demonstrates great hospitality. His plea, however, seems quite urgent (Vss. 2-3, cf. Gen. 18:1-8).
- Verses 4-11 demonstrate why Lot is so insistent. The men of Sodom are wicked, and Lot seems to know it (Isa. 3:9; Ezek. 16:49-50; 2 Peter 2:4-10; Jude 7).
- The men are revealed to be angels. They forewarn Lot of God's judgment and call on him to warn his family, some of whom consider the warning a joke (Vss. 12-14).
- Lot tarries, even in the midst of this sinful city and against the warning of the angels (Heb. 4:7).
- In answer to Abraham's prayer, the angels physically evacuate Lot, his wife, and their daughters (Gen. 18:32, 19:29).
- God's wrath is poured out on Sodom, Gomorrah, and the cities of the plain. The destruction was total and without mercy, and included Lot's own wife (Gen. 19:23-26; Luke 13:1-5).

II. ESCAPE FOR YOUR LIFE!

- The angel's visit shattered the uneasy peace that Lot appears to have made with his surroundings (Jer. 6:14; 2 Peter 2:7-8).
- The call to flee destruction is urgent, detailed, and comes with a warning of its own (Vs. 17).
- Quibbling Lot coaxes one last concession before fleeing. Abraham interceded for Lot. Lot intercedes for himself (Gen. 18:22-33; Gen. 19:20).
- The call to flee the wrath of God is universal, and remains as imperative today as it did in that day (Matt. 3:7, 10:23, 24:16; Acts 2:40-41; Gal. 1:3-5; 1Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 2:25-26).

KNOW: We, like Lot, live in a present evil age. We are called to make our escape. That escape is found in Jesus Christ.

DO: Escape this present darkness through Christ.

Suggested Reading:

**The Story of Why God Died and Came to Life Again* by Greg Koukl
(LifePoint Library #239 KOU)

**The Case for Christ Answer Booklet* by Lee Strobel (Available in the LifePoint Library)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Genesis 19:1-29

1. What seems to be the main point of this narrative?
2. Why does a loving God demonstrate wrath toward people?
3. Why do you think Lot's future sons-in-law brush his urgent plea off as a joke? Does this say anything about our current culture?
4. Why do you think Lot was so reluctant to flee Sodom? What does this teach us about our own love for this world?
5. Why is Lot's wife punished?
6. Does the urgency of this narrative speak to you in anyway? If so, how?
7. What is your main take-away from this message/narrative?