

Week Six: Unintended Consequences.

Gen 19:30-38

Lot's poor godless choices: Gen 13-19.

- He chose the well watered plains of Sodom for financial reasons.
- He chose the area of Sodom for cultural reasons - it was like Egypt.
- He chose to move ever more closely to Sodom's values.
- He chose to shake off the warning from God in the issue of his brief captivity.
- He chose to ignore the cost to himself and his uncle for the rescue.
- He chose to move back into Sodom and to actually become one of the town council shown by his sitting in the gate.
- He chose to ignore the inner promptings from God through his conscience rationalizing his sliding values and standards. *2 Peter 2:6 -10!*
- He chose to devalue his daughters by delivering them to the sex-crazed mob just to save face with his guests.
- He chose to keep his faith private resulting in a family and community that had no witness to the truth.
- He chose to argue with God about the destination of his rescue – Zoar, not the mountains.

So as we finish up the Sodom Saga we find Lot sitting in a cave going over and over in his mind asking himself how it came to this.

1. Sodom had a devastating influence on Lot's _____
 - a. He had already lost his married daughters and their spouses.
 - b. He had lost his wife as she looked longingly back to her home and life.

- c. He had lost all that he had _____.
 - d. He had lost all sense of _____ at least in the eyes of his daughters.
2. Sodom had a degrading influence on _____.
- a. An unbiblical worldview leads us to _____ (verse 31)
 - b. An unbiblical worldview leads us _____ (verse 32) this scenario is unbelievable.
 - c. An unbiblical worldview leads us to _____. (verse 32-35)
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - d. An unbiblical worldview leads us _____. Soon we see two little cousins running around at camp and Lot's legacy has been determined. The boy's names are Moab and Ammon. Distant relatives of the children of Abraham yet not at all like them.
 - i. They are going to be worshippers of _____ and Molech differing versions of the same deity that requires human sacrifices.
 - ii. They are forbidden to worship at the _____ in Jerusalem *Dt 23:2 -3*
 - iii. They are going to _____ the children of Israel on many occasions aligning themselves with Assyria, Syria, Ishmael, Edom and many others.
 - e. Look at the map I gave you.

Yet even in all of this, God is full of Grace. Who can think of a famous person of Moab that was actually in the Line of Christ? _____

We started off talking about what America did not learn from 9/11.

What are we failing to learn?

(NLT)Je 12:14 Thus says the LORD: "Against all My evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit—behold, I will pluck them out of their land and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. 15 Then it shall be, after I have plucked them out, that I will return and have compassion on them and bring them back, everyone to his heritage and everyone to his land. 16 And it shall be, if they will learn carefully the ways of My people, to swear by My name, 'As the LORD lives,' as they taught My people to swear by Baal, then they shall be established in the midst of My people. 17 But if they do not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation," says the LORD.

