

Great Stories of the Bible — 2/20/22

Sodom and Gomorrah

TEXT – **Gen 19:1-17** *And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom:*

INTRO – Genesis 19 is one of the most dramatic moments in human history, and also one of the most disturbing. In Israel, there is a place, one of the most remarkable geologically on earth, called the Dead Sea Valley. It is the lowest spot on the earth's surface, 1,286 feet below sea level. It is a strange place, the Jordan river feeds it constantly, but nothing flows out of it, and so there is a constant accumulation of minerals and salts. There were 5 cities in the Jordan river valley and 4 of them were destroyed. **Deut. 29:23**

I. Lot's Heritage

A. Terah was the great grandson of Noah. Terah had three sons – Abram, Nahor and Haran. From Nahor came Rebecca the wife of Isaac and later Rachel and Leah the wives of Jacob. From Haran came Lot. Haran dies and Abram took Lot under his wing. Fam received a covenant from God to be a great nation and God gave him the land of Canaan.

B. His salvation – 2 Peter 2:7-8 *And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;*

C. Lot was increased in goods.

Application: Just because you may have a good heritage does not mean that you can live however you want. Lot made a bad life choice that cost him his family and much more.

II. Lot's Backsliding

A. He pitched his tent toward Sodom

Gen 13:12-13 *Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.*

B. He associated with the citizens of Sodom

Jude 1:7 *Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*

C. He became a leader and sat in the gate.

D. His family was contaminated by Sodom

Lot remained so long among the Sodomites that his family are corrupted to the core. His wife was totally enamored by the life of Sodom and didn't want to leave. His sons-in-law perished in the city; they didn't take their father-in-law seriously. It shows how little respect they had for him. His daughters were morally corrupt, as we'll see in the episode in the cave.

And then in Genesis 14 he's abducted in the story of the nine kings, he's abducted along with the other inhabitants of Sodom, and Abraham has to go at night and rescue him and get all of his people and his possessions back.

That would have been a good time for him to leave Sodom.

III. The Condition of Sodom

Romans 1:20-32 *For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen . . .*

Eze 16:48-50 *As I live, saith the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters. Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.*

Isa 3:9 *The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.*

IV. God's Warning

A. Three men (angels) came to warn Abraham of Sodom's demise.

They said they would not destroy Sodom if there were 50 righteous people there. Not for 45 or 30 or 20 or 10.

Gen 18:20-21 *And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.*

Gen 18:26 *And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.*

B. Two angels came down to Sodom to warn Lot. Gen. 19

Gen 19:16 *And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.*

Gen 19:18 *And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord:*

V. God's Judgment

2 Peter 2:6 *And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrhah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;*

Deu 29:23 *And that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath:*

Gen 19:24-25 *Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.*

CONCL – God's judgment will come upon on every nation that forgets God.

Luke 17:28-29 *Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.*

- **Don't forget to be faithful to church**
- **Don't forget to be faithful to educate your children in the ways of the Lord.**
- **Don't forget the live by the Bible**
- **Don't forget to study the Bible**
- **Become a victorious Christian**