

## Sodom and Gomorrah

Genesis 19:23 And Abraham drew near and said, Wilt thou in thine anger destroy the righteous with the sinners?

Genesis 19:32 And he said, Oh, let not the LORD be displeased, and I will speak only once more; suppose ten shall be found there?

And He said,

I WILL NOT DESTROY IT FOR THE SAKE OF TEN.

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### From Genesis 19

And there came TWO ANGELS to Sodom in the evening; and Lot was sitting at the gate of Sodom; and Lot saw them and rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.

And he said, My lords, turn aside, I pray you, into your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet; then rise up early in the morning and go on your way.

And they said, NO, WE WILL SPEND THE NIGHT IN THE STREET.

But Lot urged them greatly; and they turned in to him and entered into his house; and he made them a feast and baked unleavened cakes and they ate.

But before they lay down, the men of the city, that is, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, ALL the people of the town, and they called to Lot and said to him,

Where are the men who came to you tonight?  
Bring them out to us that we may KNOW them.

And Lot went out at the door to them; and he shut the door after him. And Lot said to them, I pray you, my brethren, do not so wickedly. Behold now, I have two daughters who have not known man; let me bring them out to you, and do to them whatever you please; only to these men do nothing; for they have come under the protection of my roof.

And they said, Get away. And they said again, This fellow came to sojourn among us,

and now he tries to judge us;

and they said to Lot, Now we will deal worse with you than with them.  
Then Lot fought desperately with them, and they drew near to break the door.

But the men put forth their hands and pulled Lot into the house to them and locked the door.  
And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, from the least to the greatest, so that they became tired trying in vain to find the door.

And the men said to Lot,

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS PLACE?

NOW, YOUR SONS-IN-LAW, YOUR SONS, YOUR DAUGHTERS, AND WHATSOEVER YOU HAVE IN THIS CITY, TAKE THEM OUT OF THIS PLACE; FOR WE WILL DESTROY THIS PLACE BECAUSE THE CRY OF THE OPPRESSED HAS COME BEFORE THE LORD; AND THE LORD HAS SENT US TO DESTROY IT.

Then Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law who married his daughters, and said,

Arise, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy it.

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But his sons-in-law thought he was JOKING.

And when the morning dawned the angels urged Lot, saying,

ARISE, TAKE YOUR WIFE AND YOUR TWO DAUGHTERS WHO ARE NOT GIVEN IN MARRIAGE, LEST YOU BE ENGULFED IN THE SINS OF THE CITY.

But Lot lingered; then the angels held his hand, the hand of his wife, and the hands of his two daughters, because the LORD pitied him; and they took him out and set him outside the city.

And it came to pass when they had brought them out of the city, they said to Lot:

NOW ESCAPE FOR YOUR LIFE; DO NOT LOOK BACK NOR STOP ANYWHERE IN THE PLAIN, BUT FLEE TO THE MOUNTAIN LEST YOU BE CONSUMED.

And Lot said to them, I beseech you, my lords, Behold now, your servant has found mercy in your sight, and great is the favor which you have shown to me in saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountain, lest evil overtake me and I die; Behold now, this town is near to flee to, and it is a little one, Oh, let me escape there, and behold, because it is a little one my life will be spared.

And he said to him,

SEE, I HAVE GRANTED YOU THIS THING ALSO THAT I WILL NOT OVERTHROW THE CITY OF WHICH YOU HAVE SPOKEN. MAKE HASTE AND ESCAPE THERE; FOR I CANNOT DO ANYTHING TILL YOU ENTER INTO IT.

Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.  
The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar,

Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire

from the presence of the LORD out of heaven;

And he overthrew those cities and all the plain  
and all the inhabitants of the region

and that which grew on the ground.

But his wife looked back from behind him and she became a pillar of salt.

And Abraham

rose up early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before the LORD.

And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the region of the plain,  
and beheld, lo, the smoke of the country went up like the smoke of a furnace.