

## Genesis 19

1 He meets them like Abraham met them, only JHWH is not with the two. Those who sat in the gate were usually judges. Lot has gone from pitching his tent toward the city to being a judge in the city. Maybe having an uncle who rescued the city helped get him that position. Even in a wicked society people want fair justice.

2 Lot knew the evil that would befall them there so he tries to hide them from the town's people.

3 – 5 Now we understand why he tried so hard to hide them. We also see why Abraham would not taking anything from the city as spoils of war. Homosexuality is called Sodomy because this is where it was first mentioned in history. The expressions in this passage indicate a destructive unbridled lust that does not care about the welfare of others, just that desire be fulfilled. See Romans 1:25-32

6-9 He offers us his daughters. How sad and shameful! The men threaten him, willing to do away with their one just judge, to end his title and position. Their lust is driving them to ignore common sense and is making them violent.

10,11 Must have been confusion with the blindness. They have seen enough. This wicked town is given over to perversion so that it controls their lives. Lot is being rescued just in time before they would have violated him. The people had a witness in Lot as judge. They did not receive that witness and now were ready to destroy him. Did Lot think he could do some good there?

12,13 I think 'against' may be an addition to the text. I think it is their own outcry - the horror of being a slave to sin. Like Cain, these have been mastered by sin.

14,15 The angels are going to destroy the city. Just before destruction God gives his people a chance to separate themselves. We are not appointed to wrath. If we do not separate ourselves we will end up experiencing the judgement with them.

16 He hesitated! Can you believe it? But when you look closely at your own life you will see hesitation when the Lord calls you to be separate. God in his mercy dragged them out.

17 –19 Can't stand to be in nature. City boy wants the comfort, titles, wealth and ease of a city.

20 –22 They waited till he got there. It must not have been far for he made it between the crack of dawn and sunrise. They were in a hurry to end the pain there in Sodom.

23 –26 In their compromise his wife looks from Zoar toward Sodom and since her heart is still there, she suffers their fate. Luke 17:26-37

27 – 29 God remembers our family even when they are not as faithful because of our faithfulness. Why didn't he go to live with his uncle and find husbands for them there? Pride?

30 Now that he finally sees the destruction and loses his wife to it, loses everything he owned, he realizes how serious God is about sin. Now he goes to the other extreme and lives in a cave, afraid that God will destroy Zoar.

31 It doesn't seem that Lot has done a great job in sharing about the God of Abraham with his daughters.

32-34 She wants her sister to join with her in her sin. Sin loves company and the more that participate the easier it is to avoid guilt.

35 –38 Lot must have been used to getting drunk to do so two nights in a row. One sin makes another easy. Rebellion against God makes way for more rebellion. In trying to do a good thing their own way the girls started a chain of sin that would end up battling their Great Uncle's family line.