

## *The Doom of Sodom*

19:1 Now the <sup>a</sup>two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When <sup>b</sup>Lot saw *them*, he rose to meet them and <sup>1</sup>bowed down *with his* face to the ground. 2 And he said, “Now behold, my lords, please turn aside into your servant’s house, and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way.” They said however, “No, but we shall spend the night in the square.” 3 Yet he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; <sup>a</sup>and he prepared a feast for them, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. 4 Before they lay down, <sup>a</sup>the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people <sup>1</sup>from every quarter; 5 and they called to Lot and said to him, “<sup>a</sup>Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may <sup>1</sup>have relations with them.” 6 But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him, 7 and said, “Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly. 8 “Now behold, <sup>a</sup>I have two daughters who have not <sup>1</sup>had relations with man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them <sup>2</sup>whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the <sup>3</sup>shelter of my roof.” 9 But they said, “Stand aside.” Furthermore, they said, “This one came in <sup>1</sup>as an alien, and already <sup>a</sup>he is acting like a judge; now we will treat you worse than them.” So they pressed hard against <sup>2</sup>Lot and came near to break the door. 10 But <sup>a</sup>the men reached out their <sup>1</sup>hands and brought Lot into the house <sup>2</sup>with them, and shut the door. 11 And <sup>a</sup>they <sup>1</sup>struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied *themselves trying* to find the doorway.

12 Then the men said to Lot, “Whom else have you here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring *them* out of the place; 13 for we are about to destroy this place, because <sup>a</sup>their outcry has become so great before the LORD that <sup>b</sup>the LORD has sent us to destroy it.” 14 And Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who <sup>1</sup>were to marry his daughters, and said, “Up, <sup>a</sup>get out of this place, for the LORD will destroy the city.” <sup>b</sup>But he appeared to his sons-in-law <sup>2</sup>to be jesting. 15 And when morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up, take your wife and your two daughters, who are here, lest you be swept away in the <sup>1</sup>punishment of the city.” 16 But he hesitated. So the men <sup>a</sup>seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the <sup>1</sup>hands of his two daughters, for <sup>b</sup>the compassion of the LORD *was* upon him; and they brought him out, and put him outside the city. 17 And it came about when they had brought them outside, that <sup>1</sup>one said, “<sup>a</sup>Escape for your life! <sup>b</sup>Do not look behind you, and do not stay <sup>2</sup>anywhere in the <sup>c</sup>valley; escape to <sup>d</sup>the <sup>3</sup>mountains, lest you be swept away.” 18 But Lot said to them, “Oh no, my lords! 19 “Now behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your lovingkindness, which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the <sup>1</sup>mountains, lest the disaster overtake me and I die; 20 now behold, this town is near *enough* to flee to, and it is small. Please, let me escape there (is it not small?) <sup>1</sup>that my life may be saved.” 21 And he said to him, “Behold, I grant you this <sup>1</sup>request also, not to overthrow the town of which you have spoken. 22 “Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there.” Therefore the name of the town was called <sup>1</sup><sup>a</sup>Zoar.

23 The sun had risen over the earth when Lot came to Zoar. 24 Then the LORD <sup>a</sup>rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven, 25 and <sup>a</sup>He overthrew those cities, and all the <sup>1</sup>valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and

what grew on the ground. 26 But his wife, from behind him, <sup>a</sup>looked *back*; and she became a pillar of salt.

**27** Now Abraham arose early in the morning *and went* to <sup>a</sup>the place where he had stood before the LORD; 28 and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the <sup>1</sup>valley, and he saw, and behold, <sup>a</sup>the smoke of the land ascended like the smoke of a <sup>2</sup>furnace. 29 Thus it came about, when God destroyed the cities of the <sup>1</sup>valley, that <sup>a</sup>God remembered Abraham, and <sup>b</sup>sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.

### *Lot Is Debased*

**30** And Lot went up from Zoar, and <sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>stayed in the <sup>2</sup>mountains, and his two daughters with him; for he was afraid to <sup>3</sup>stay in Zoar; and he <sup>1</sup>stayed in a cave, he and his two daughters. 31 Then the first-born said to the younger, “Our father is old, and there is not a man <sup>1</sup>on earth to <sup>a</sup>come in to us after the manner of the earth. 32 “Come, <sup>a</sup>let us make our father drink wine, and let us lie with him, that we may preserve <sup>1</sup>our family through our father.” 33 So they made their father drink wine that night, and the first-born went in and lay with her father; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. 34 And it came about on the morrow, that the first-born said to the younger, “Behold, I lay last night with my father; let us make him drink wine tonight also; then you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve <sup>1</sup>our family through our father.” 35 So they made their father drink wine that night also, and the younger arose and lay with him; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. 36 Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. 37 And the first-born bore a son, and called his name <sup>a</sup>Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day. 38 And as for the younger, she also bore a son, and called his name Ben-ammi; he is the father of the <sup>1</sup>sons of <sup>a</sup>Ammon to this day.

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<sup>a</sup> Gen. 18:2, 22

<sup>b</sup> Gen. 18:2-5

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *bowed himself*

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 18:6-8

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 13:13; 18:20

<sup>1</sup> Or, *without exception*; lit., *from every end*

<sup>a</sup> Lev. 18:22; Judg. 19:22

<sup>1</sup> I.e., have intercourse

<sup>a</sup> Judg. 19:24

<sup>1</sup> I.e., had intercourse

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *as is good in your sight*

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *shadow*

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *to sojourn*

<sup>a</sup> Ex. 2:14

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *the man, against Lot*

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 19:1

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *hand*

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *to*

<sup>a</sup> Deut. 28:28, 29; 2 Kin. 6:18; Acts 13:11

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<sup>1</sup> Lit., *smote*  
<sup>a</sup> Gen. 18:20  
<sup>b</sup> Lev. 26:30-33; Deut. 4:26; 28:45; 1 Chr. 21:15  
<sup>1</sup> Or, *had married*; lit., *were taking*  
<sup>a</sup> Num. 16:21, 45; Rev. 18:4  
<sup>b</sup> Jer. 43:1, 2  
<sup>2</sup> Lit., *like one who was jesting*  
<sup>1</sup> Or, *iniquity*  
<sup>a</sup> Deut. 5:15; 6:21; 7:8; 2 Pet. 2:7  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *hand*  
<sup>b</sup> Ex. 34:7; Ps. 32:10; 33:18, 19  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *he*  
<sup>a</sup> Jer. 48:6  
<sup>b</sup> Gen. 19:26  
<sup>2</sup> Lit., *in all the circle*  
<sup>c</sup> Gen. 13:10  
<sup>d</sup> Gen. 14:10  
<sup>3</sup> Lit., *mountain*  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *mountain*  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *and my soul will live*  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *thing*  
<sup>1</sup> I.e., *small*  
<sup>a</sup> Gen. 13:10; 14:2  
<sup>a</sup> Deut. 29:23; Ps. 11:6; Is. 13:19; Ezek. 16:49, 50; Luke 17:29; Jude 7  
<sup>a</sup> Deut. 29:23; Ps. 107:34; Is. 13:19; Lam. 4:6; 2 Pet. 2:6  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *circle*  
<sup>a</sup> Gen. 19:17; Luke 17:32  
<sup>a</sup> Gen. 18:22  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *circle*  
<sup>a</sup> Rev. 9:2; 18:9  
<sup>2</sup> Lit., *kiln*  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *circle*  
<sup>a</sup> Deut. 7:8; 9:5, 27  
<sup>b</sup> 2 Pet. 2:7  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *dwelt*  
<sup>a</sup> Gen. 19:17, 19  
<sup>2</sup> Lit., *mountain*  
<sup>3</sup> Lit., *dwelt*  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *dwelt*  
<sup>1</sup> Or, *in the land*  
<sup>a</sup> Gen. 16:2, 4; 38:8; Deut. 25:5  
<sup>a</sup> Luke 21:34  
<sup>1</sup> Lit., *seed from our father*  
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<sup>a</sup> Deut. 2:9

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<sup>1</sup> Heb., *Bene-Ammon*

<sup>a</sup> Deut. 2:19

<sup>i</sup> *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.