

The Book of Genesis

Chapter Nineteen

The Sins of Sodom and Gomorrah

Lesson Verse: 2Peter 2:6-8

I. Lesson Introduction

- A. What was Sodom like before judgment?
1. Like _____ (Gen 13:10)
 2. In a plain – flat and very fertile lands for both crops and cattle
- B. Sodom itself means, “_____”
- C. Gomorrah means, “_____” as in buried, or BAPTISM (of FIRE)
- D. Sodom became the word for such a horrific sin as sodomy (Dt 23:17)
- E. The Scriptures have NOTHING good to say about this place:
1. Deut 29:23; 32:32
 2. Isa 1:9,10; 3:9; 13:19
 3. Jer 23:14
 4. Eze 16:46-56
 5. Zep 2:9
 6. Matt 10:15
 7. Rom 9:29
 8. 2Pet 2:6

II. Lesson

- A. **Lot in _____** (Gen 19:1)
1. Lot is not only IN the city of Sodom (the head and largest city of the five)
 2. He is in the gate
 - a. The place of financial decisions
 - b. Place of court judgments
 3. Lot had become a counsellor, and judge in the city of Sodom – a very important person
- B. **Lot’s Visitors** (Gen 19:1)
1. Two angels
 - a. These had been with THE angel of the Lord who visited Abraham
 - b. They had travelled about 30 miles east to Sodom
 - c. Their purpose is to get Lot and his family OUT of Sodom before God destroys it, and 4 other cities
 2. Lot greeted them like they were normal men
 3. Wanted to treat them well
- C. **Lot’s Worry** (19:2-4)
1. Presses them to come to his home – bring them under his protection
 2. They felt like staying outdoor that night – would have been safe in many other cities, and places in the world
 3. But not in Sodom
 4. Lot knows this!
 5. Gets them indoors hopefully before anyone else knows that they are there
 6. He feeds them – thinks everything is going to be fine
 7. Lot’s worst nightmare begins!
- D. **Sodom’s Sins** (19:4-9)
1. The sins of this city permeated the entire city – not just in one area - Both young and old
 2. Homosexuality

- a. Mainly men with men
 - b. Adam _____ Eve his wife (Gen 4:1) – these men KNEW each other!
 - c. See Rom 1:18-32, and Jude 7
3. They treated woman like _____ (only for having babies) – rejected by the effeminate men!
- a. Lot offered his own daughters (virgins) in place of the two men
 - b. His two daughters were virgin – could have been because they couldn't find REAL HUSBANDS
 - c. Would have allowed his own DAUGHTERS to be gang raped and brutalized – total numbering of society

E. The Angels Act (19:10-13)

1. They _____ Lot
2. They _____ the wicked
3. Seek Lot's Family
 - a. Make HIM responsible for their care
 - b. Forces HIM to think about their protection

F. Lot's Failures (19:14)

1. He had no respect by his son's in law
2. Lots' other daughters stayed with their husbands – had never gotten saved – were destined for destruction
3. Only laughed at Lot
4. Lot should have had a strong testimony

G. Lot's Lingerling (19:15-20)

1. Pressed by the angels to get out of town – fast
2. Lot and his family _____ – CAUGHT / trapped by the pull of this world
 - a. Did not refuse to obey
 - b. But _____ to obey
3. The angels PULL Lot and his family out of town
 - a. That's God's mercy (19:16)
 - b. Not getting what they deserved! That's salvation - deliverance
4. When told to go to the mountains, LOT argues!
 - a. He was afraid!
 - b. Always thinking he knew better – like when he chose the plains of Sodom – real smart!
 - c. Lot wanted to stay in a SMALLER city of the five that were supposed to be destroyed – Zoar
5. Lot had chosen the plains of Sodom as a rich and prosperous man, but was now fleeing empty-handed! Now, THAT'S the cost of sin!

H. God accepts the Request of Lot (19:21-22)

1. The power of _____
2. The stupidity of wasting it on such foolish requests!

I. Destruction (19:23-25)

1. At Sunrise – 6am (19:23)
2. Brimstone - An inflammable mineral substance found in quantities on the shores of the Dead Sea. The cities of the plain were destroyed by a rain of fire and brimstone Gen 19:24,25. In Isa 34:9 allusion is made to the destruction of these cities. This word figuratively denotes destruction or punishment Job 18:15 Isa 30:33 34:9 Ps 11:6 Eze 38:22 It is used to express the idea of excruciating torment in Re 14:10 19:20 20:10
3. Fire from heaven – not rain this time!
4. Overthrowing of the cities
 - a. Earthquakes
 - b. Explosions

- c. Spontaneous combustion
 - d. Hell on earth
 - e. No more life there at all – to this day!
5. No trace of Sodom or of the other cities of the plain has been discovered, so complete was their destruction. Just opposite the site of Zoar, on the south-west coast of the Dead Sea, is a range of low hills, forming a mass of mineral salt called Jebel Usdum, "the hill of Sodom." It has been concluded, from this and from other considerations, that the cities of the plain stood at the southern end of the Dead Sea.
6. God _____ Sodomy/Homosexuality
- a. Ex 22:19
 - b. Lev 18:22; 22:30
 - c. Dt 23:17
 - d. 1Cor 6:9,10
 - e. 1Tim 1:10

J. Lot's Losses (19:26-37) from here on, it is only down-hill!

- 1. Loses his _____ (19:26)
 - a. She Looked back
 - b. Didn't want to leave
 - c. Attached to the world – anchored to it – all her dreams were there
 - d. All of a Christian's dreams are heaven-ward (Col 3:1-3)
- 2. Loses his _____
 - a. The ones he really didn't care about anyway
 - b. They tag along because they have no husbands – would have stayed in Sodom and been destroyed if they weren't single
 - c. Sometimes, our trials, are really God protecting us
- 3. Loses his _____
 - a. Fled and was never heard of again
 - b. What a way to have your life remembered!

III. Applications

- A. See how hard it was to get this believer to leave the world
- B. Notice how strong a hold the world has on even Christians
- C. Notice that if it weren't for Abraham praying and interceding, Lot would have been doomed.

IV. Study Questions

- A. What was THE sin of Sodom and Gomorrah?
- B. Who ignored the sins of Sodom, and desired to live in the city of Sodom?
- C. What lured that person into Sodom in the first place?
- D. Name several things that were lost by that person because of the sins of Sodom?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- E. What happened to the inhabitant of Sodom and Gomorrah?