

# LESSONS FROM THE STORY OF LOT



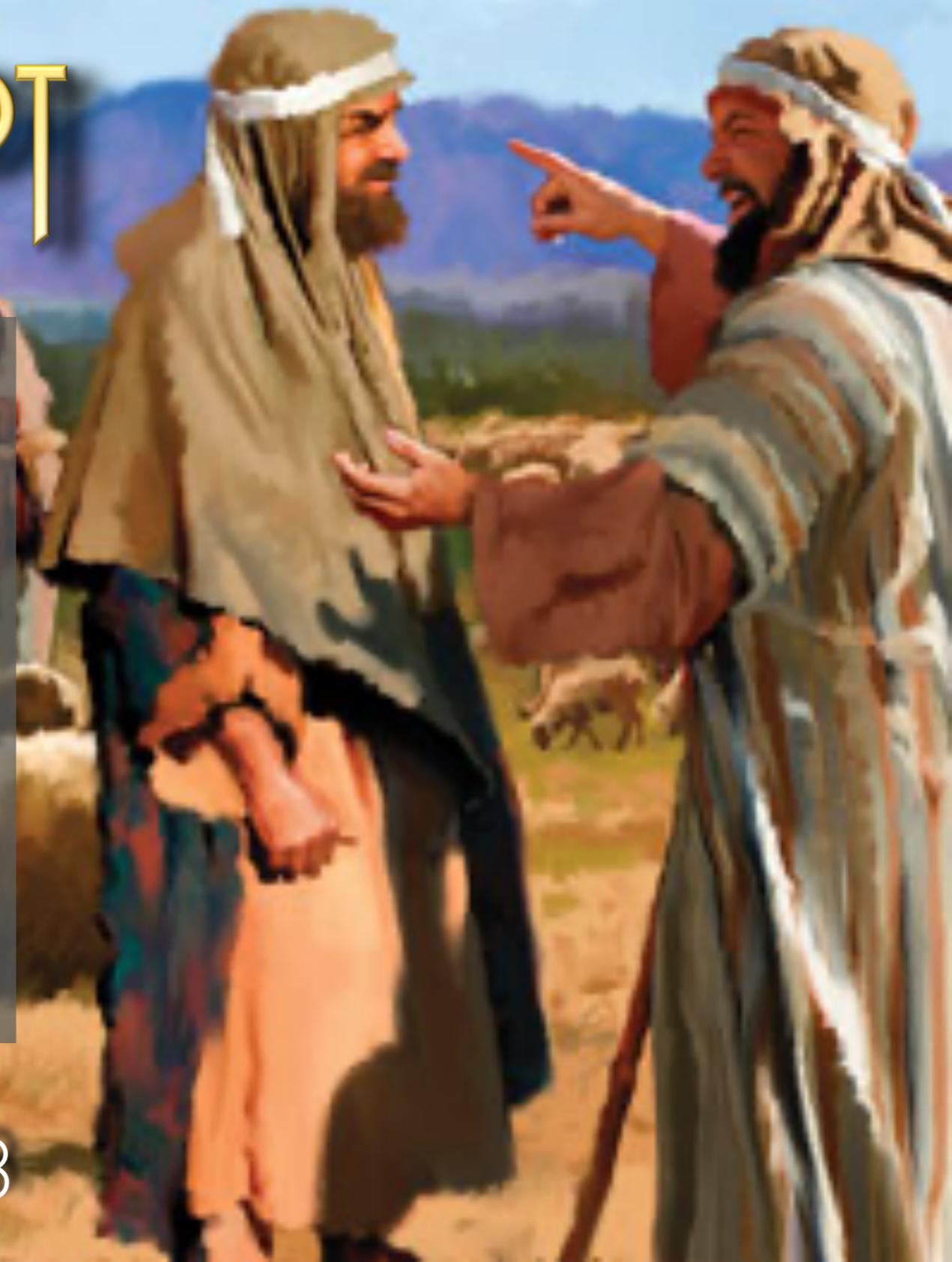
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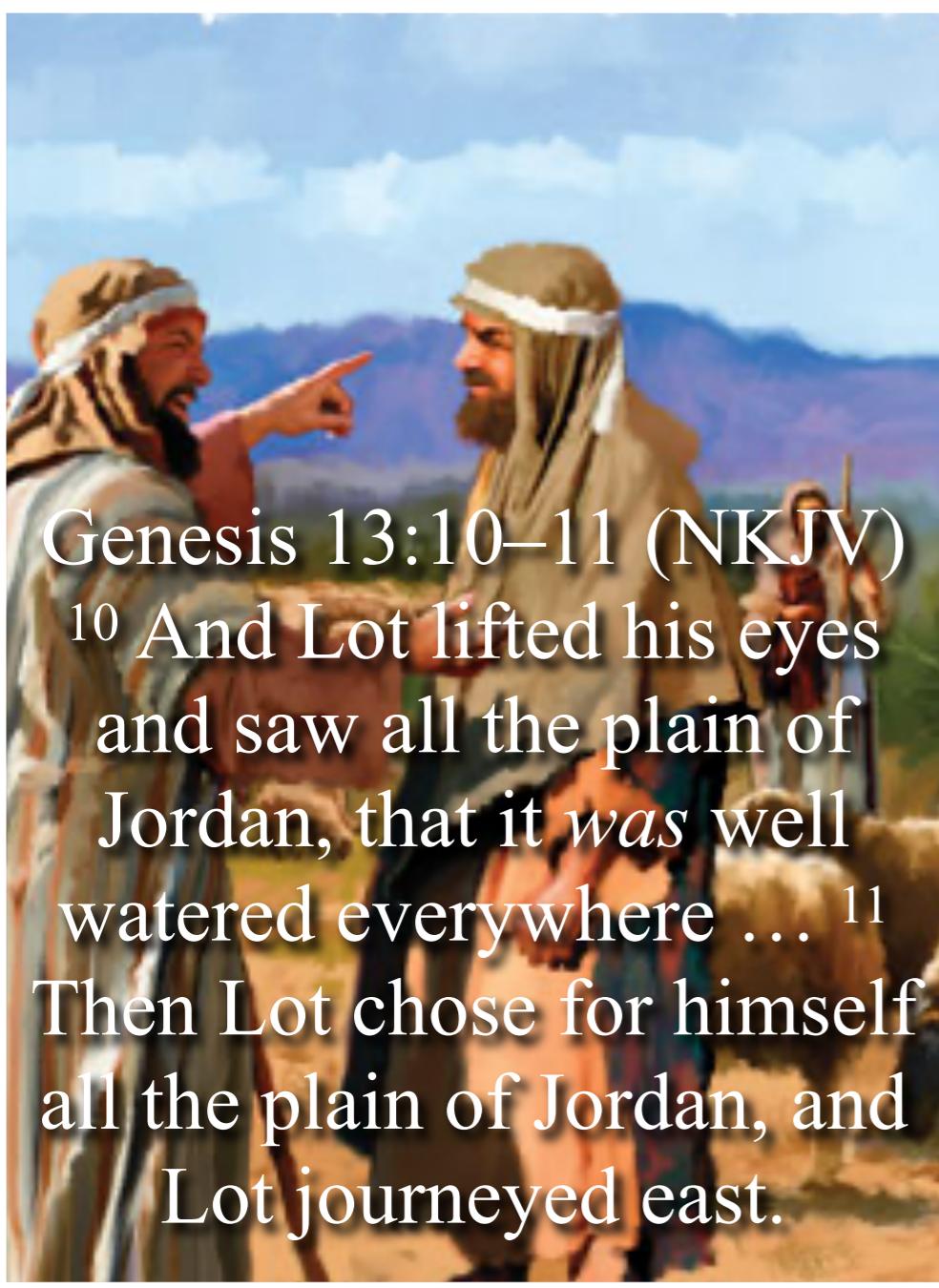
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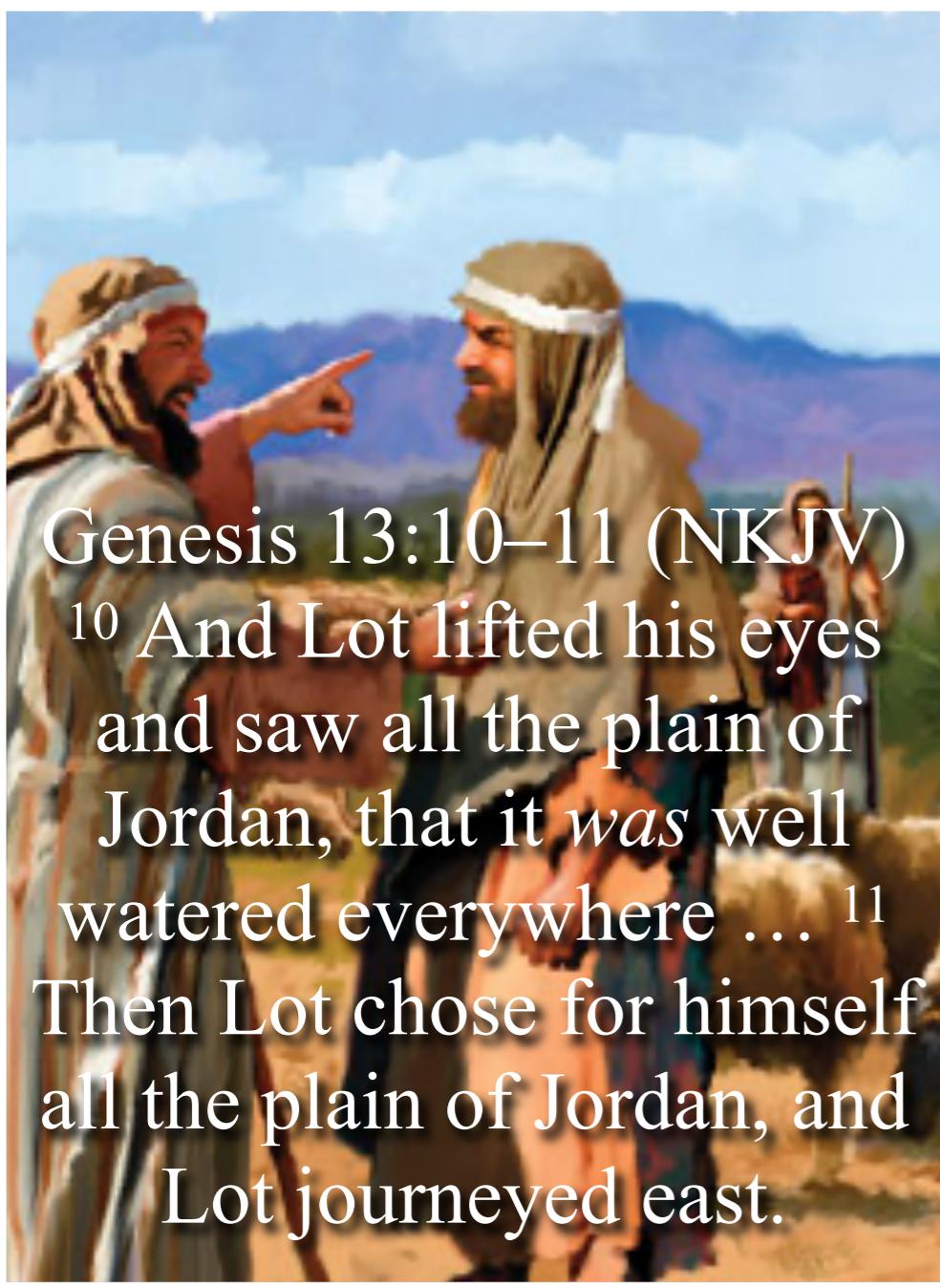
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- Abraham gives Lot a choice of where to live. (Gen. 13:8,9)
- Lot chooses the plains of Sodom. (Gen. 13:10,11)
- “Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom” (Gen. 13:12)
- Sodom was “exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord.” (Gen. 13:13)
- Lot’s choices brought him much grief and cost him his family (Gen. 14:12; 19:8,14,26,31-37; 2 Pet. 2:7).

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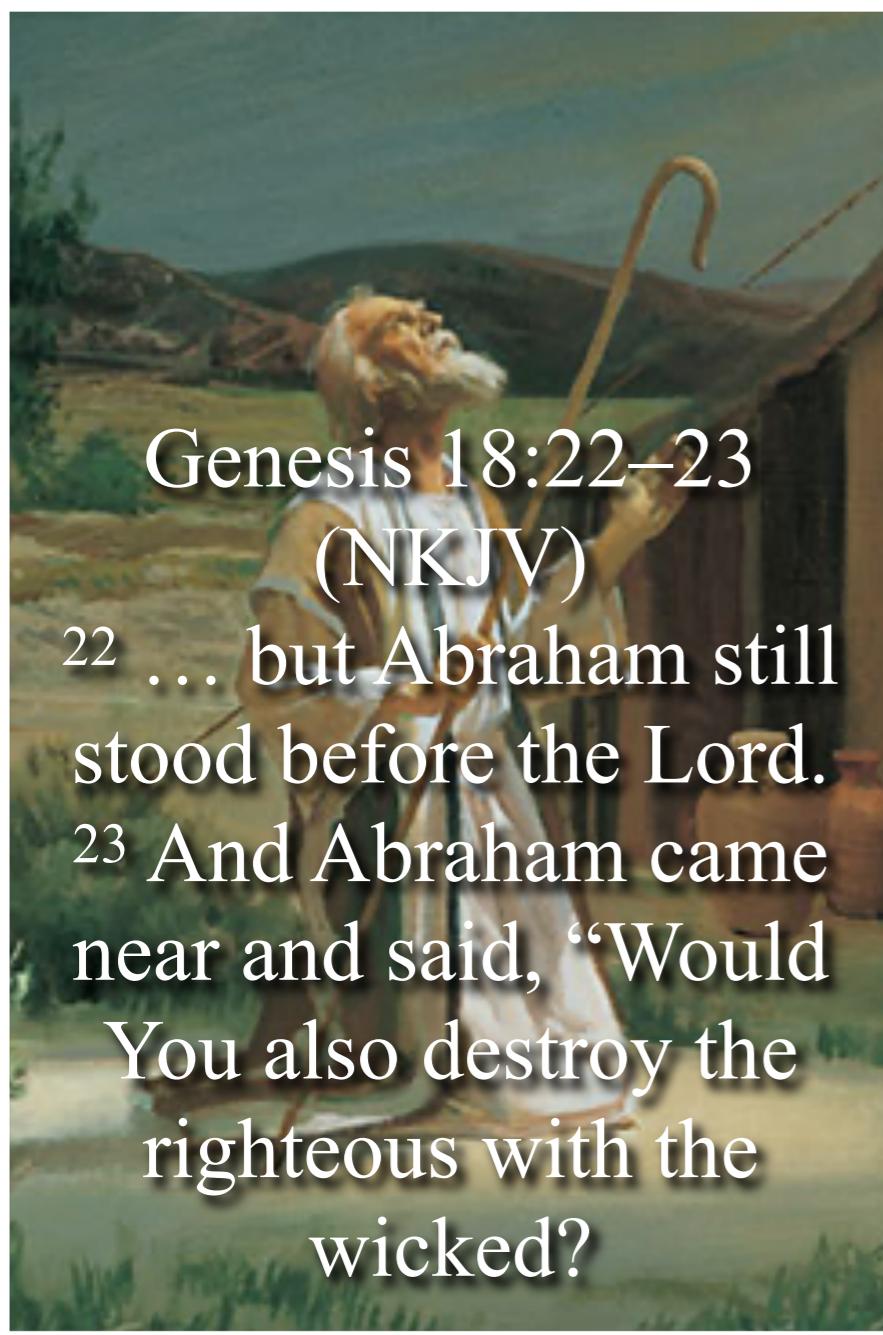


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- God grants us the freedom to choose (Gen. 2:15-17; Dt. 30:15,19; Jos. 24:15–22; Rom. 6:16-18)
- Like Lot, we often make foolish choices (Gen. 13:11; Jer. 6:16,17; Pr. 1:29; 8:36; Acts 5:3,4; 2 Ti. 4:10)
- It is foolish to choose to place ourselves in spiritual danger! (Prov. 4:27; Mk. 9:43-48; 1 Thes. 5:22)
- God grants us the freedom to choose, but not the consequences of our choices (Deut. 30:17-20; Gal. 6:7-9)

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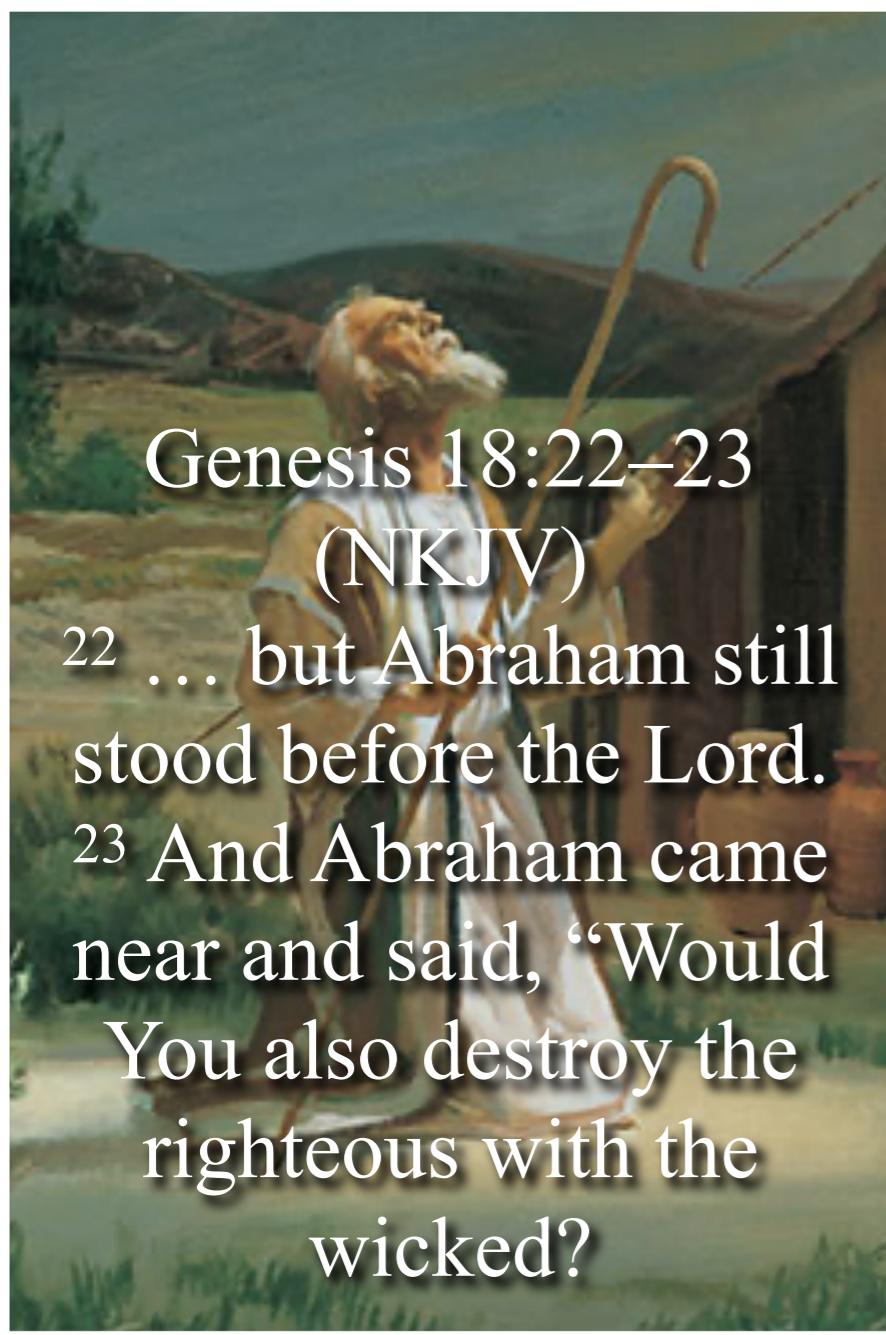
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- After the Lord promised Abraham a son through Sarah, (Gen. 18:1-15), the Lord tells Abraham He is going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 18:16-21)
- Abraham pleads with God to spare them for the sake of the righteous (Gen. 18:22-33)
- The Lord saved Lot from the destruction because of Abraham (Gen. 19:29)

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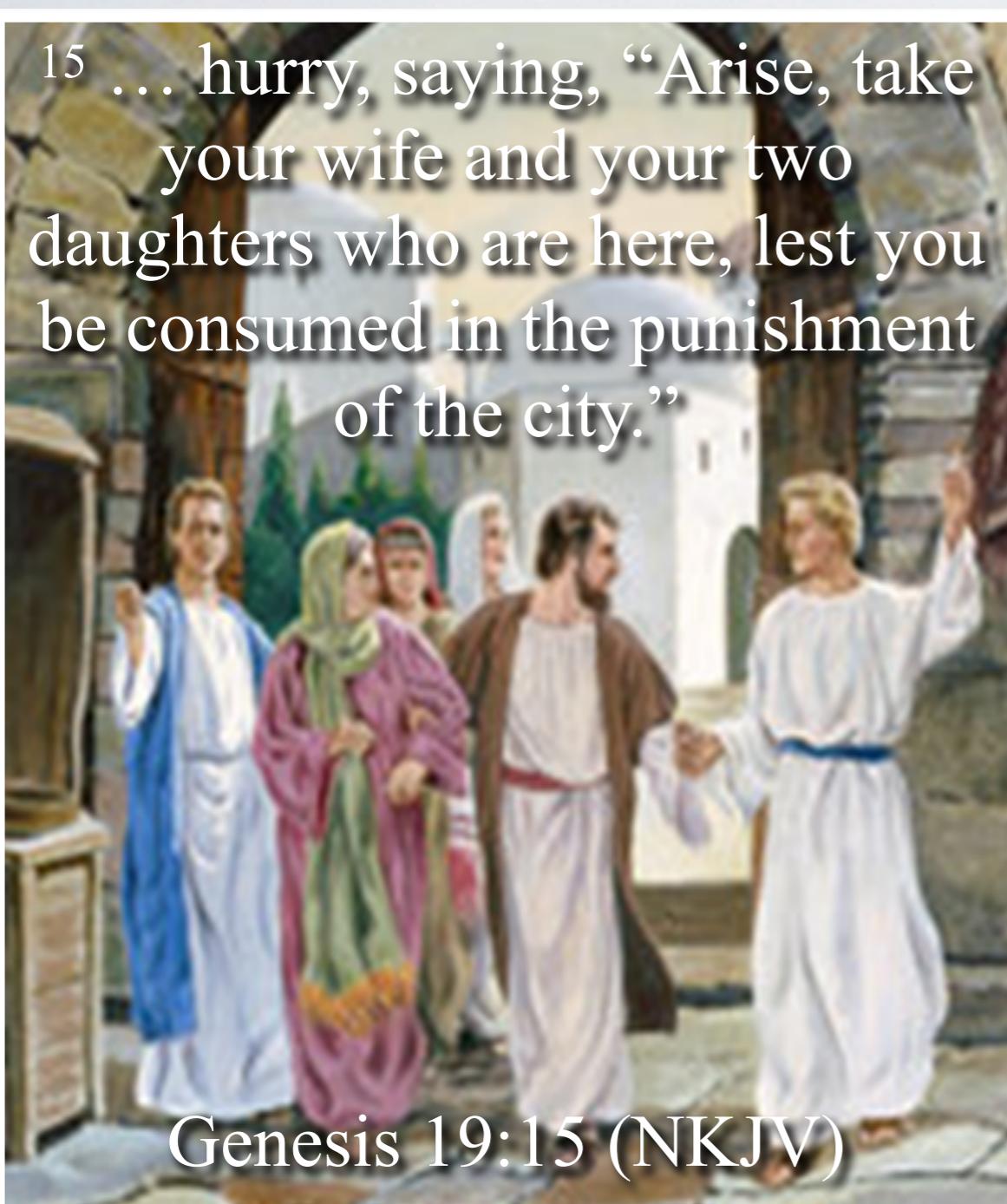
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- God has told us that He will one day destroy the world and all the wicked (John 5:28,29; 2 Peter 2:6-7; 3:10-14).
- We have hope of escape through the intercession of Christ (Heb. 7:25; 9:24; Rom. 8:31-39).
- The prayer of a righteous man avails much (James 5:15-20).
- We should be earnestly praying for those entangled in sin that they repent (Jam. 5:16, 19,20; 1 Jn. 5:14–16)

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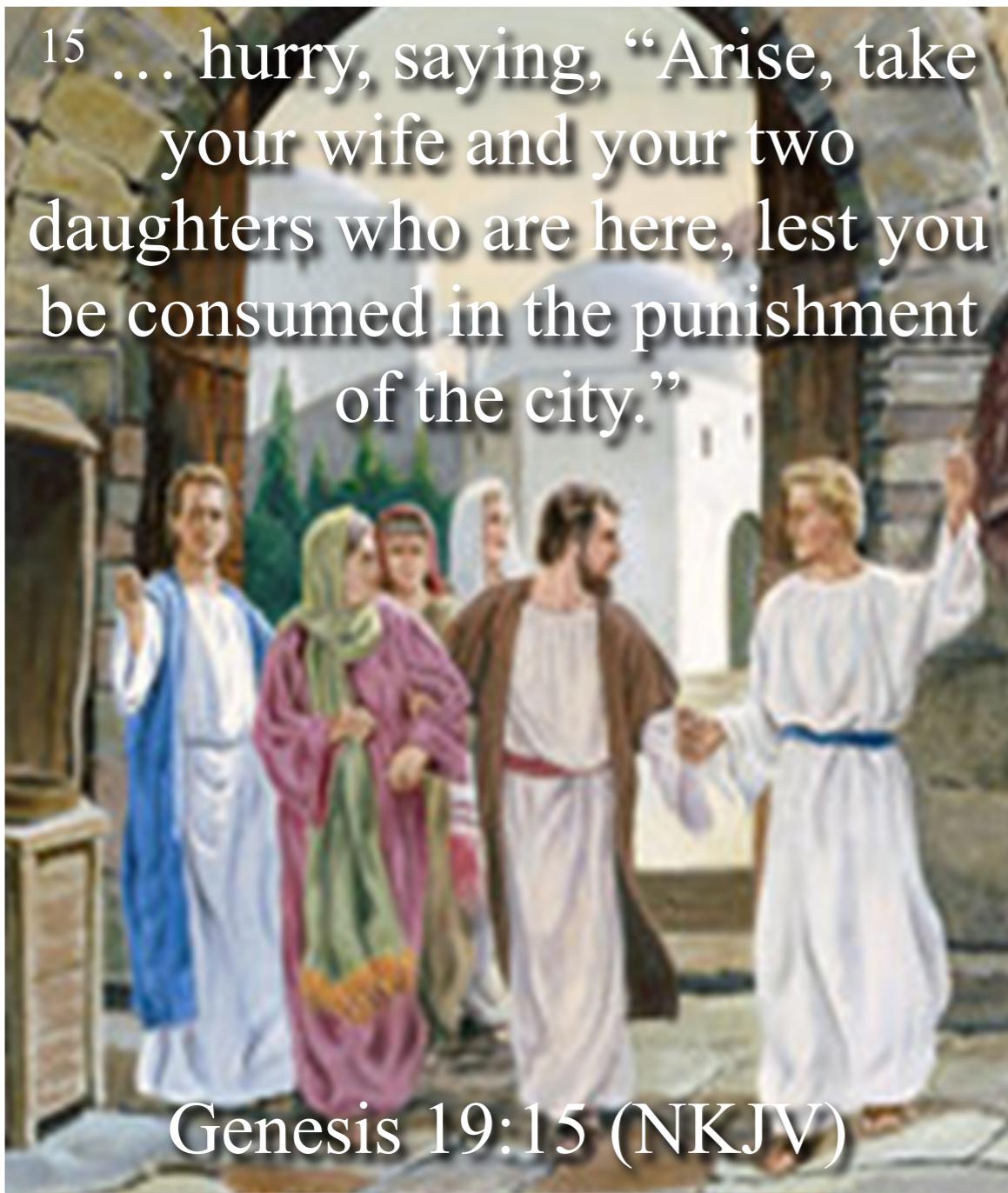
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- Hospitality of Lot (Gen. 19:1-3)
- The depravity of Sodom (Gen. 19:4-11; Judg. 19:22; Ro. 1:23, 24, 26, 27; 1 Co. 6:9; 1 Ti. 1:10; Jude 7)
- The men of Sodom reject Lot's foolish attempt to appease their wicked demands (Gen. 19:8,9)
- Lot protected by the messengers of God (Gen. 19:10,11)
- Their message “Escape for your life!” (Gen. 19:12-17)
- God's mercy (Gen. 19:18-25)

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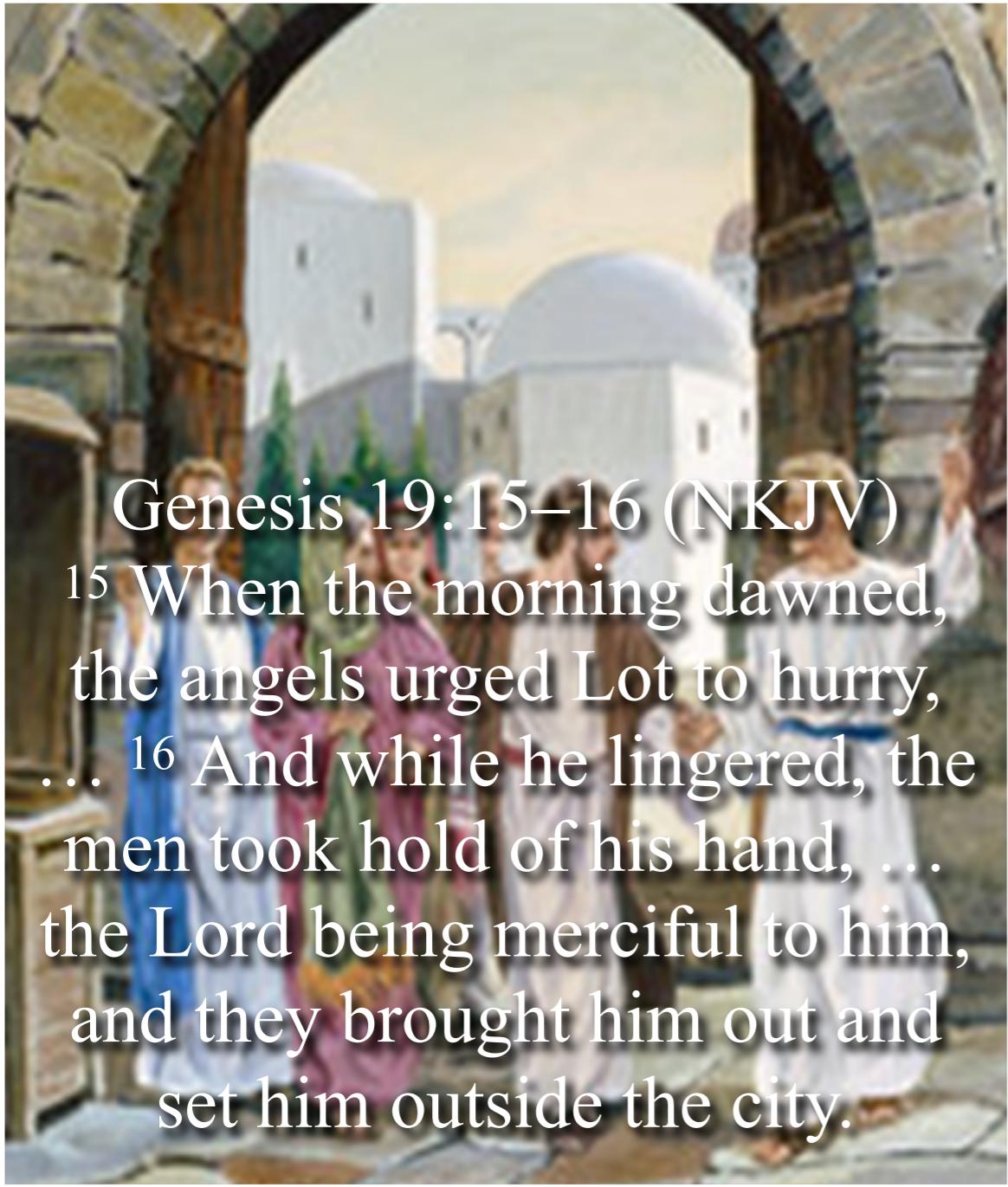
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- We too MUST leave the world, (not physically but spiritually), if we are to be saved (John 17:14-16; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1).
- We CANNOT Love the world (Mat. 6:19-34; 1 John 2:15-17).
- We can ONLY escape the world through the way provided by Christ (Mat. 7:13,14; Jn 14:6; 17:17; Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-23; 1 Pet. 3:20,21; Heb. 12:1-3).

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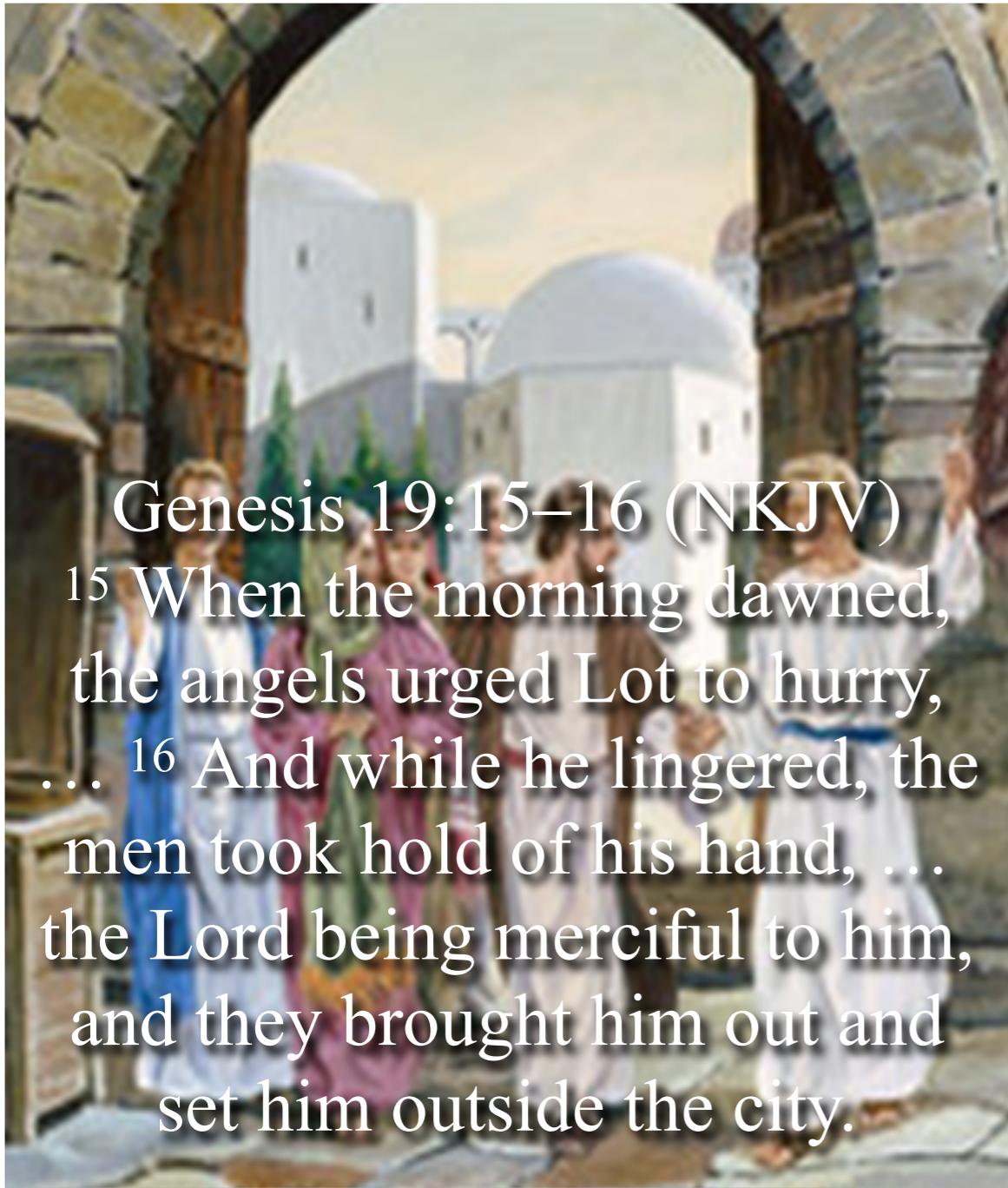


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- Why would a righteous person be reluctant to leave the world and its ways behind? (2 Pet. 2:8; Heb 11:13-16)
  - ◆ The world is appealing to our flesh (2 Co. 4:16-18; 1 Jn 2:15-17)
  - ◆ The world does not let go easily (Ex. 14:5-12; 2 Peter 2:20-22)
  - ◆ We may have to leave behind friends & family (1 Cor. 15:33; Mat 10:37; Luke 14:26)
  - ◆ Fear of the danger that lies ahead (Mat. 7:13,14; 2 Tim. 3:12)

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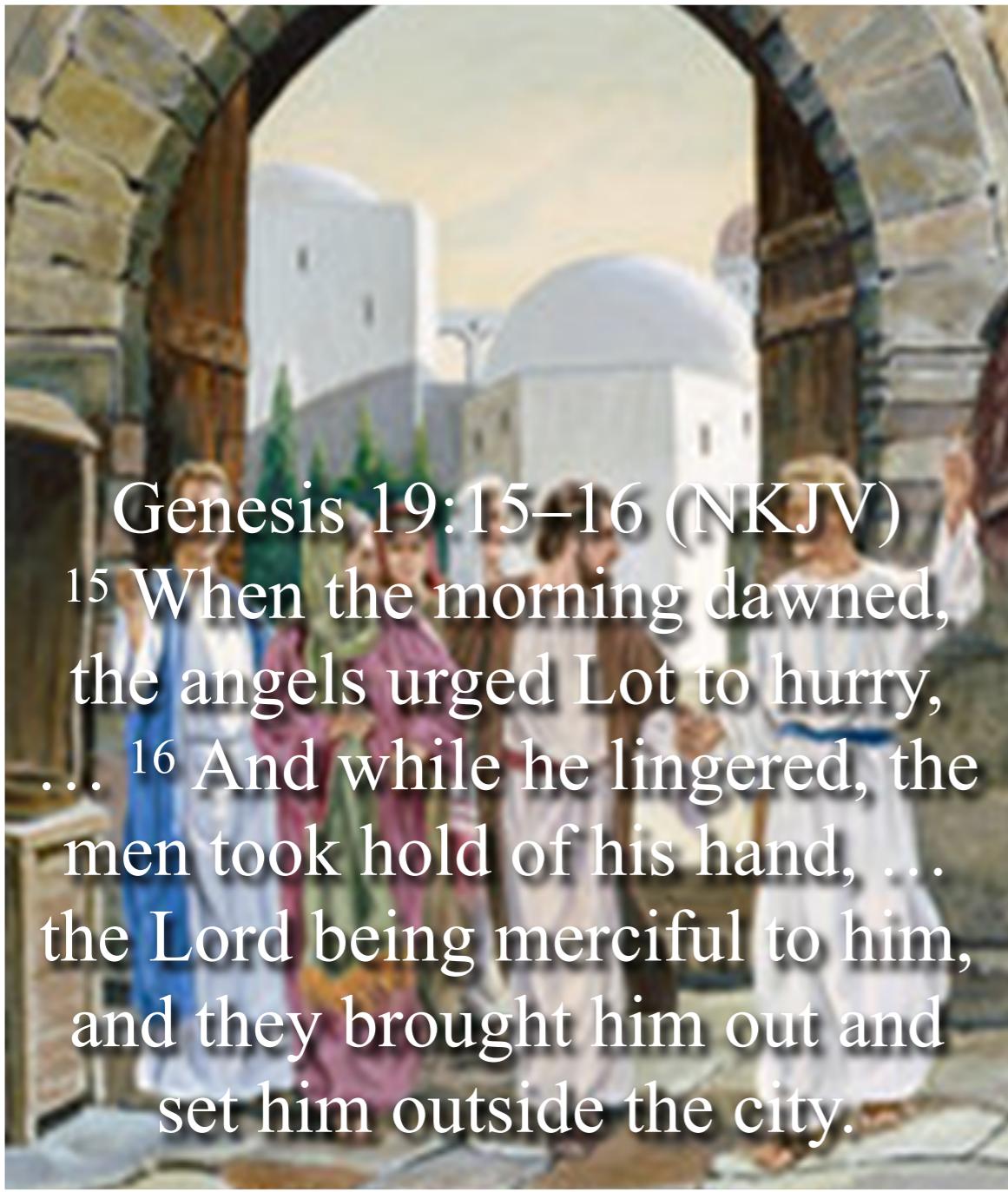
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- When wickedness is prevalent – the righteous are troubled (2 Pt 2:8; Mt 5:10-12; Jn 15:18-20; 1 Jn 3:13)
- Are we fully aware of the danger and devastating influence wickedness can have in our lives', families, churches and societies (Gen. 13:12; 19; Prov. 14:34; 1 Cor. 5:6; 15:33)

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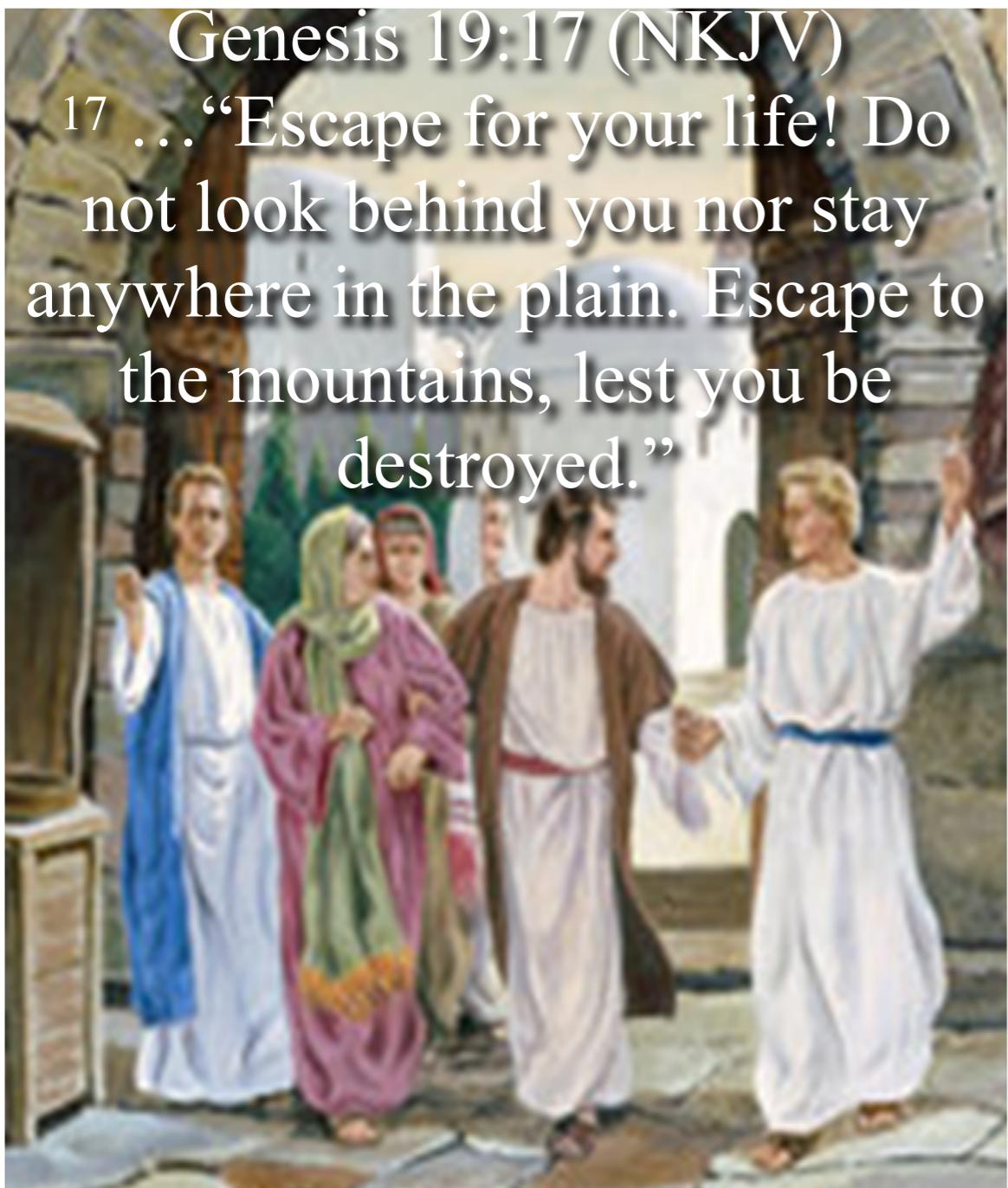
- We should escape from this evil world with all urgency while we still have an opportunity! (Ac 22:16; 2 Co. 6:2; Heb. 3:12-15; 2 Pet. 3:10-14; Acts 2:38-41)
- There is nothing in this world worth losing our soul for! (Mat. 16:26; Luke 12:20, 21; 1 John 2:15-17)

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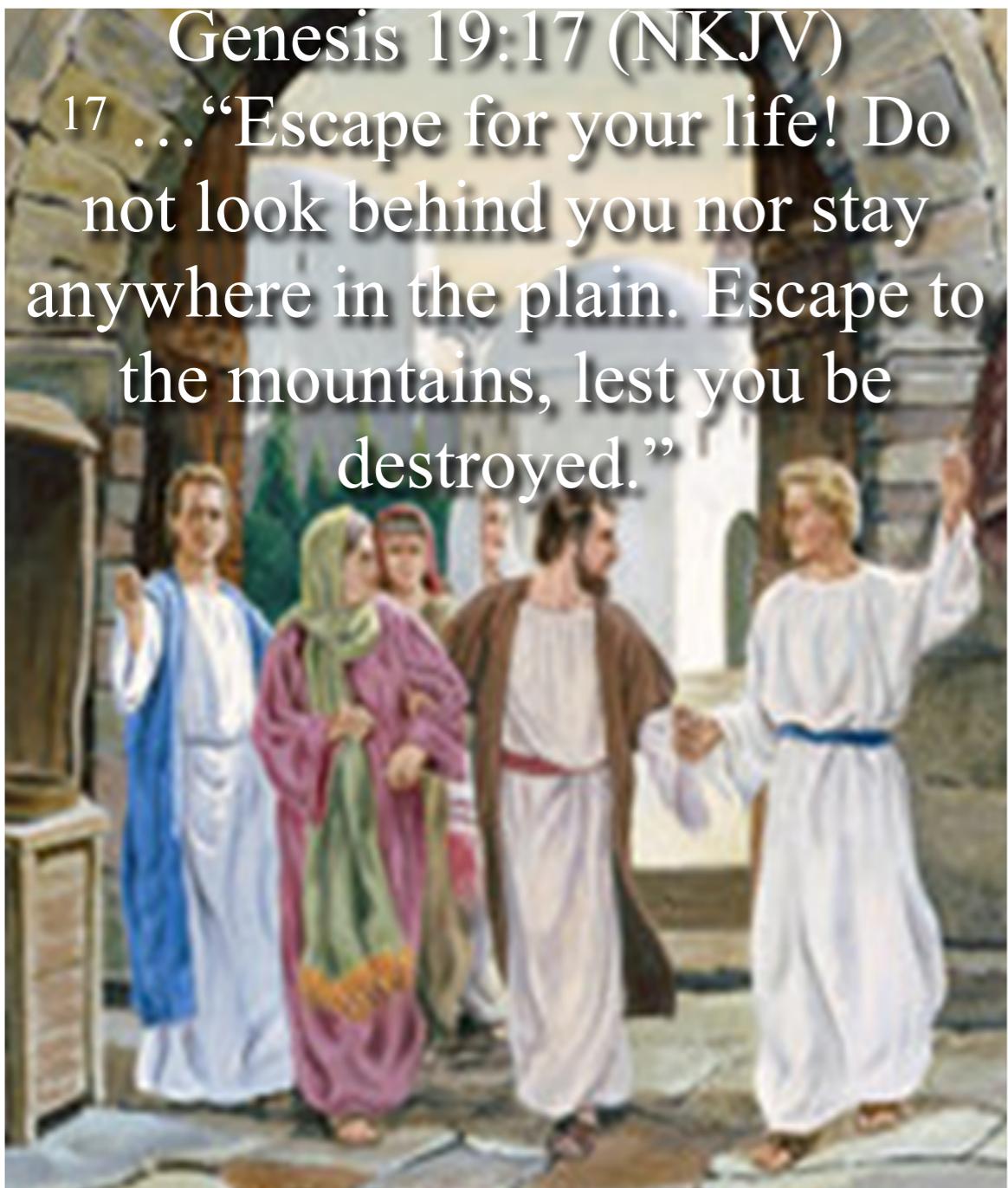
- The Lord was merciful and patient with Lot and his family leading them out of the city by the hand (Gen. 19:15,16).
- The Lord was merciful, allowing Lot to flee to the small city Zoar (Gen. 19:18-22).
- The Lord “knows how to deliver the righteous out of temptation” (Gen. 19:27-29; 2 Pet. 2:6-9)
- Lot’s wife looked back (Gen. 19:23-26; Luke 17:32)

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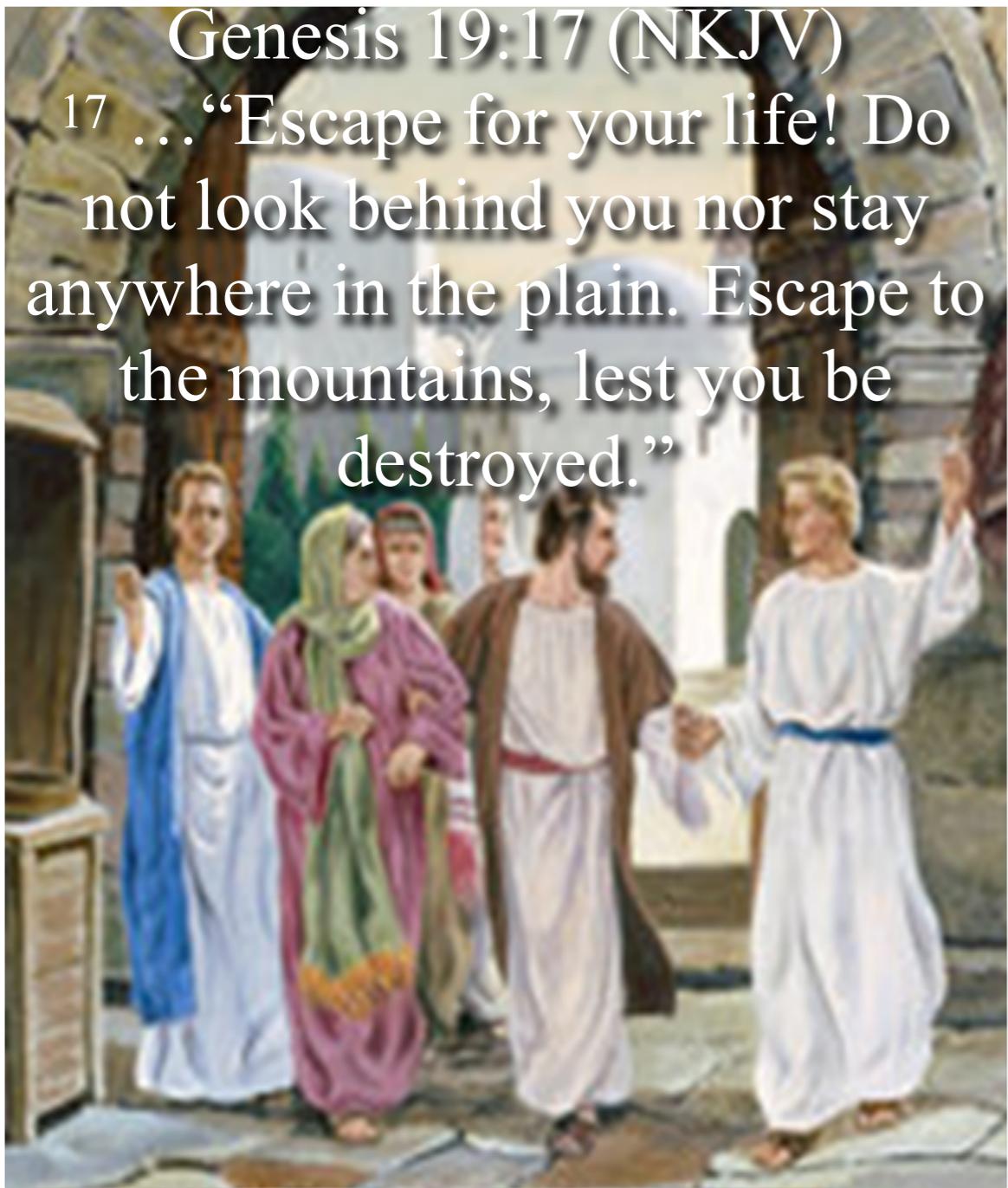
- Sodom was still very much in the hearts of Lot's daughters, even though the city had been destroyed (Gen. 19:31)
- They had been so influenced by Sodom that fornication was no longer all that evil (2 Pet. 2:7-8)
- TOO MANY CHRISTIANS fail to remove the influence of the world from their heart! — We must “put to death” every sinful desire and put on holiness (Ep. 5:3-14; Col. 3:5-17)

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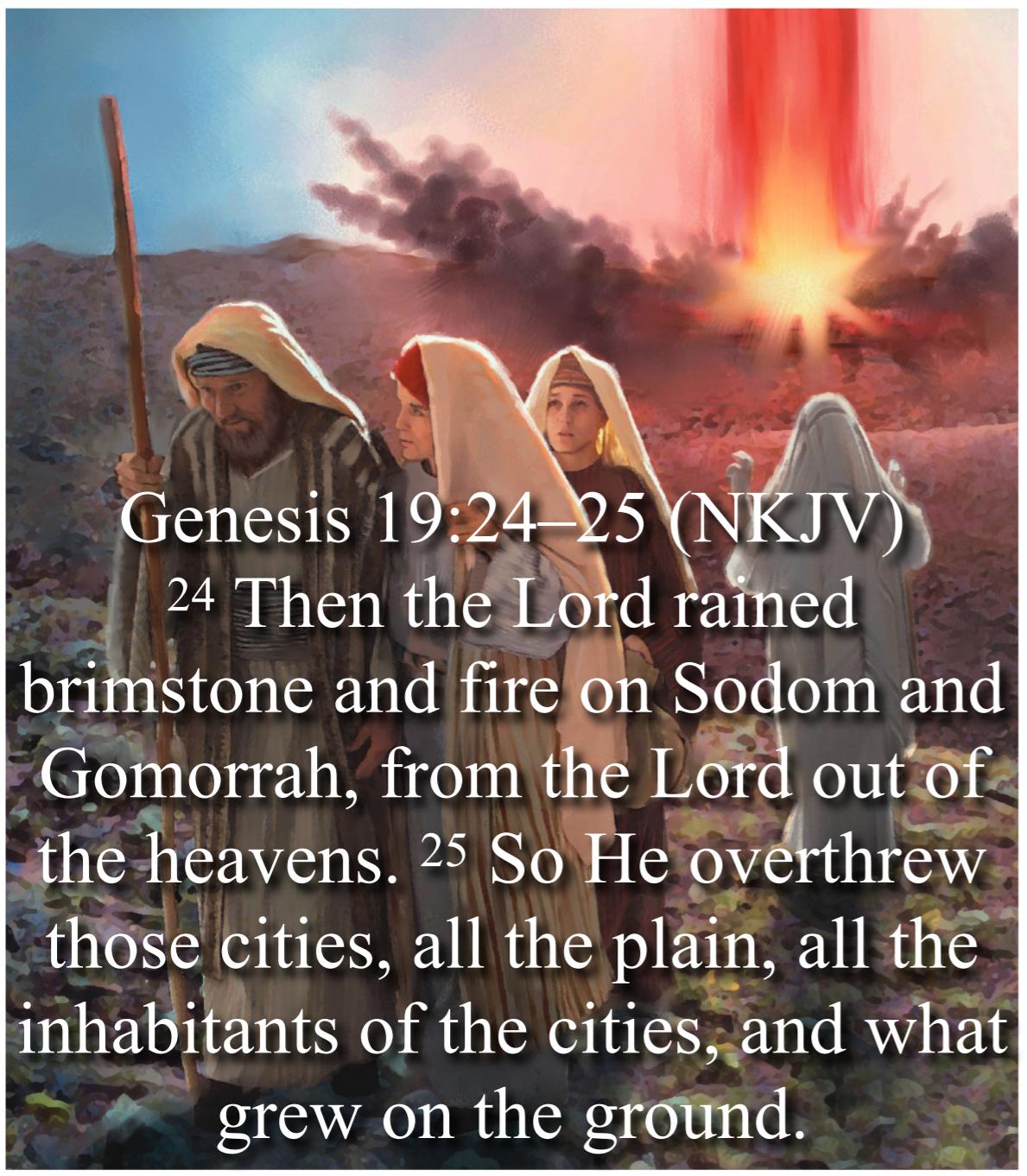
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- Worldly habits can be hard enough to break for those 100% committed to doing so (Rom 6:12; Eph. 6:10-18)
- Sin must be totally expunged from the heart (2 Cor 10:5; Rom 8:13; Col. 3:5; I Pet 4:1,2)
- What we fill our minds with will effect our thinking either negatively or positively (Phil 4:8)

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## GOD WILL DESTROY THE WICKED



Genesis 19:24–25 (NKJV)

24 Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens. 25 So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

- The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is an often referred to example & warning of God's judgment (Deut. 29:23; Mat. 11:23-24; Mk 6:11; Lk 17:28-30; 2 Peter 2:6-7; Jude 1:7-8)
- God will hold back destroying the wicked for the sake of the righteous (Gen 18:22-32; Mat. 13:29,30; Ro. 2:4; 2 Pt. 3:1-14)
- BUT - God will judge and punish the wicked! (2 Pet 2:4-6)

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## ESCAPE FOR YOUR LIFE!



- Think seriously about the spiritual impact of our choices! (I Cor. 15:33)
- Today is the day of salvation – do not delay! (2 Cor. 6:2)
- Do not allow fear to hold you back from doing what's right! (I Co. 16:13. Ep. 6:10. 2 Ti. 2:1).
- Don't look back – focus on your goal – Don't let the world distract you! (Mat. 6:19-24)
- Purge all impurities from your heart – bring every thought under Jesus' control (2 Cor. 10:3-5)

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- We are free to choose, but we are not free not to choose (Dt. 30:15,19; Jos. 24:15–22; Ro. 6:16-18)
- God has given us warning to escape the judgment to come (Acts 17:30,31; 2 Cor. 5:10)
- Jesus has made salvation possible (John 3:16; Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:38; Heb 5:8,9; 12:1,2)
- Don't look back — be faithful no matter the earthly cost (Luke 17:32; 1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 2:10)

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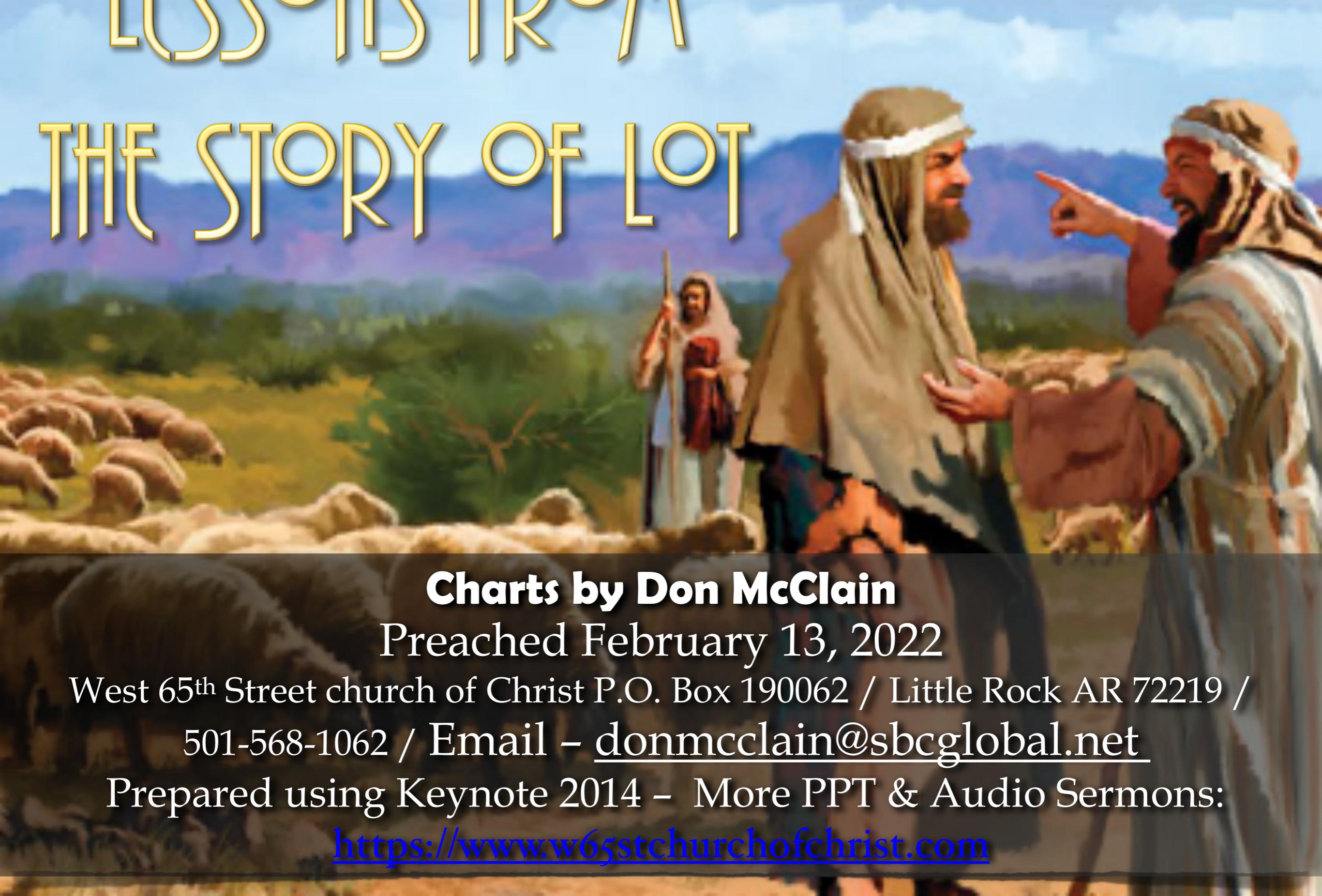


John 17:15-17

WE MUST LIVE IN  
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## 2 Peter 2:4–9 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; <sup>5</sup> and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; <sup>6</sup> and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; <sup>7</sup> and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked <sup>8</sup> (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)—<sup>9</sup> *then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,