

When Sodom



**Lived In
Lot's
Family**

Genesis 19

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Sodom and Gomorrah –

A Standing Example & Warning

A Warning For Israel

Deuteronomy 29:23 (NKJV)

²³ 'The whole land *is* brimstone, salt, and burning; it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass grow there, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and His wrath.'



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- ◆ **Jerusalem** – Jer 23:14
- ◆ **Babylon** – Isaiah 13:19;
Jer 50:40
- ◆ **Edom** – Jer 49:18
- ◆ **Moab** – Zeph – 2:9

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Matthew 11:23-24 (NKJV)

²³ And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

²⁴ But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."

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Mark 6:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"



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Luke 17:28-30 (NKJV)

²⁸ Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

²⁹ but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all.

³⁰ Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

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2 Peter 2:6-7 (NKJV)

**⁶ 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;
⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, *who* was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked**

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Jude 1:7-8 (NKJV)

⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. ⁸ Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.



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- ◆ Many lessons can be learned from this OT example of God's judgment: 1 Cor. 10:11; Rom. 15:4
 - ❖ God will judge and punish the wicked! – 2 Pet 2:4-6
 - ❖ God will hold back destroying those who are wicked for the sake of the righteous – Gen 18:22-32
 - ❖ God will deliver the righteous when the wicked are destroyed – 2 Pet 2:7-9

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- ◆ Many lessons can be learned from this OT example of God's judgment: 1 Cor. 10:11; Rom. 15:4
 - ❖ When wickedness is prevalent – the righteous are troubled – 2 Pet 2:8; Mat 5:10-12; John 15:18-20; 1 John 3:13
 - ❖ The dangerous and devastating influence wickedness can have in our lives', families, churches and societies – 1 Cor. 5:6; 15:33; Genesis 13:12; 19

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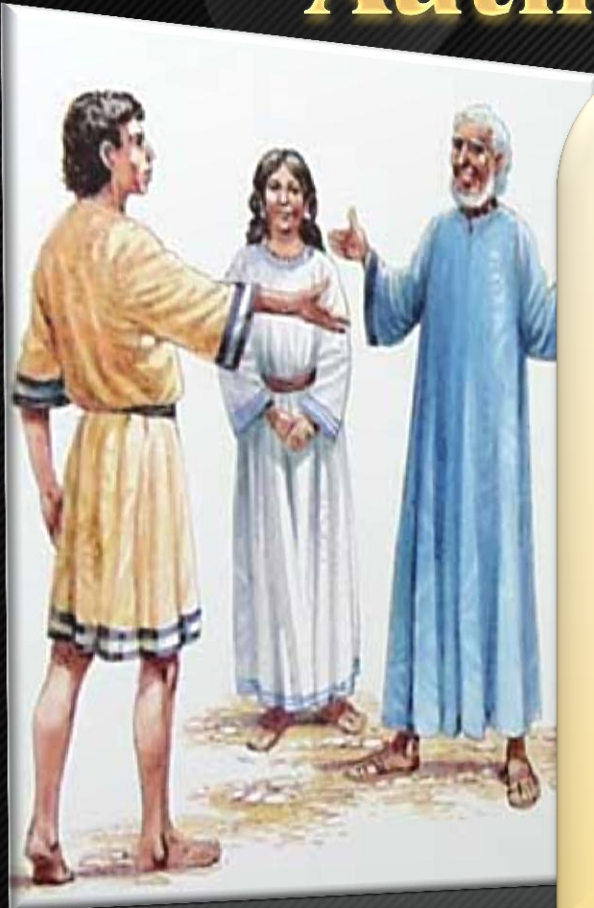
A Standing Example & Warning



- ◆ Not only did Lot's family live in Sodom, but Sodom also lived in Lot's family.
- ◆ The influence of Sodom was devastating.

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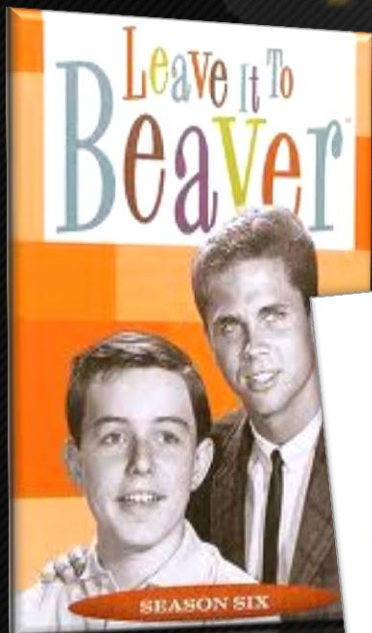
Respect For Truth & Authority Declined



- ◆ The people of Sodom did not respect Lot – they saw him as a “judge” and despised him – Gen 19:9
- ◆ Those of his own family did not respect him and his warning – “but to his sons-n-laws he seemed to be joking” – Gen 19:14
- ◆ If they would have had proper respect for Lot and his warning, they would not have been destroyed.

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Respect For Truth & Authority Declines



◆ **God's word – His warnings, and His order of things, are under constant attack:**

- ❖ Headship of husbands – (Gen 3:16; Eph 5:22-24; Tit 2:5)
- ❖ Respect for parents - (Levs 20:9; Prov 6:20; 30: 11,17; Mat 15:4; Eph 6:1-3)
- ❖ If children do not LEARN to respect their parents . . . Who will they respect? – (Deut 6:6-15; Prov 1:7)

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There Was A Reluctance To Flee Evil

Genesis 19:15-16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city." ¹⁶ **And while he lingered,** the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.



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There Was A Reluctance To Flee Evil



- ◆ **Why? – the place was a vexation to Lot on a daily basis – 2 Pet 2:8**
 - ❖ They were to leave behind the wickedness of the people -
 - ❖ No doubt he and his family had some friends there –
 - ❖ They had at least two other daughters and their husbands they would leave behind – Gen 19:15

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There Is A Reluctance To Flee Evil



- ◆ **Why? – The world should be a place we long to leave – Heb 11:13-16**
 - ❖ We are to separate ourselves from the world – 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Rev 18:4; 1 John 2:15-17
 - ❖ We may have to leave behind friends & family – 1 Cor. 15:33; Mat 10:37; Luke 14:26
 - ❖ Do what's right without delay – Acts 22:16; 2 Cor. 6:2

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Fear Reigned In The Place Of Faith



Genesis 19:17-22 (NKJV)

17 . . . "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed." 18 Then Lot said to them, "Please, no, my lords! 19 Indeed now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have increased your mercy which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me and I die. . . .

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Fear Reigns In The Place Of Faith



- ◆ **The angels told Lot and his family to escape to the mountains, but, incredibly, Lot was too afraid.**
 - ❖ He said, "I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me and I die."
 - ❖ Later, he became afraid to dwell in Zoar, and goes to the mountains. Gen. 19:30

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Fear Reigns In The Place Of Faith



- ◆ The influences of the world encourage and breed fear - (Luke 12:4; Matthew 6:31-32) – [**Leaving the world takes courage**]!
- ❖ The loss of friends and family – (*parents, children, spouse*)
- ❖ The loss of popularity -
- ❖ The loss of past lifestyle -
- ❖ The loss of financial security -

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Fear Reigns In The Place Of Faith



All that one may fear
losing by leaving the
world cannot be
compared to that which is
gained by doing so!
(Matthew 19:29; Philippians 4:7;
Hebrews 13:5-6)

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Sodom Was Not Easily Removed



Genesis 19:17-26 (NKJV)

17 . . . "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed." . . . ²³ The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar. ²⁴ Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. . . . ²⁶ But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

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Sodom Was Not Easily Removed



- ◆ The command was, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you..." 19:17
 - ❖ Lot's wife probably didn't look back simply because of her curiosity - her heart was still there.
 - ❖ No doubt, she had ties and interests in Sodom - – 19:15
 - ❖ Her looking back was a sign of unbelief – doubting - disobedience

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Sodom Is Not Easily Removed



- ◆ **Once one learns the ways of the world – It's hard to unlearn them – 2 Peter 2:20-22**
 - ❖ Home is where the heart is – Mat. 6:21; 1 John 2:15-17; Prov 4:25
 - ❖ We can't serve BOTH God and Mammon - Mat. 6:24
 - ❖ Jesus exhorts us to "Remember Lot's wife" - Luke 17:32

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The Influence of Sodom Lingered



Genesis 19:30-38 (NKJV)

³⁰ . . . And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave. ³¹ Now the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father *is* old, and *there is* no man on the earth to come in to us as is the custom of all the earth. ³² Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father." . . . ³⁶ Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father.

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The Influence of Sodom Lingered



- ◆ The influence of Sodom was still very much in the hearts of Lot's daughters, even though the city had been destroyed - 19:31
- ◆ They had been so influenced by Sodom that fornication was no longer all that evil - 2 Pet. 2:7-8
- ◆ Maybe they thought “the end justified the means” – Rom 3:8

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The Influence of Sodom Will Linger



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

Escape Sodom – It Will Be Destroyed

We Can Escape



- ✦ Lot escaped - (Gen. 19; 2 Peter 2:6-9)
- ✦ The people of Israel escaped – (Ex 14; 1 Cor 10)
- ✦ Those who obey the gospel escape – (Acts 2:38-40)
- ✦ BUT - Even after we escape the world by obeying the gospel, the world does not cease its pursuit of us! – (2 Pet 2:20-22)

Don't Let Sodom Live In Your Heart or Your Family



- ✦ Don't allow the world to diminish your respect for truth and authority!
- ✦ Today is the day of salvation – do not delay!
- ✦ Do not allow fear to hold you back from doing what's right!
- ✦ Don't look back – focus on your goal – Don't let the world distract you!
- ✦ Purge all impurities from your heart – bring every thought under Jesus' control!

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**We must live in
this world, but
the world
doesn't have
to live in us!**

John 17:15-17

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2 Peter 2:1-9 (NKJV)

¹ But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. ²

And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

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³ By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. ⁴

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;

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⁵ 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; ⁶ 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;

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⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, *who*
was oppressed by the filthy
conduct of the wicked ⁸ (for that
righteous man, dwelling among
them, tormented *his* righteous soul
from day to day by seeing and
hearing *their* lawless deeds)--

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⁹ *then* the Lord knows how
to deliver the godly out of
temptations and to reserve
the unjust under
punishment for the day of
judgment,