

Steve Greenberg's Handout

Week 16, May 13, 2026 Genesis 19 Sodom's Sin, Lots Life

Genesis 19:1-11 Sodom's Sin

Gen 19:1 Now the two angels (two beings from previous chapter appeared as men, but were actually angels) came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom (the gateway was the city entrance: a primary place of trade-commerce, legal business and judging situations). When Lot saw them (two angels), he rose to meet them, and he (Lot) bowed himself with his face (literally nose) toward the ground (welcoming these two angels).

Gen 18:2 So he (Abraham) lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground,

Gen 18:16 Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way.

Gen 18:22 Then the men (two men) turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before (and stayed behind with) the LORD.

Now for the first time they are identified as angelic beings

Here is an example of Backsliding

Lot went from looking toward Sodom at great grass lands (Gen 13:10), to pitching his tent on the border toward Sodom (Genesis 13:12), to living in Sodom (Genesis 14:12), and losing everything when Sodom was attacked. Then, back now in a house in Sodom and then sitting at the gate of Sodom, which means he was acting as a judge and leader. In the process his witness is unfruitful no one believes him and they think he is joking as he shares judgement is coming.

Gen 19:2 And he (Lot) said, "Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house (be my guest) and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." And they (two angels) said, "No, but we will spend the night (out here) in the open square (town square, open plaza of the city)."

Heb 13:2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels (without knowing it).

Luk 24:28 Then they (Jesus and other disciples) drew near to the village where they were going, and He (Jesus) indicated that He would have gone farther.

Luk 24:29 But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He (Jesus) went in to stay with them.

Luk 24:30 Now it came to pass, as He (Jesus) sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Luk 24:31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He (Jesus) vanished from their sight.

Luk 24:32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He (Jesus) talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

Gen 19:3 But he(Lot) insisted strongly; so they(two angels) turned in (or aside) to him and entered his house. Then he(Lot) made them a feast, and baked unleavened (first time) bread and they ate.

Where was Lots wife? Why was she not assisting him?

Gen 19:4 Now before they lay down (to sleep), the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house (the emphasis in the text is that all, every man of Sodom, without exception, came reveals the depth of their depravity.).

How horrible every male young and old were attempted to rape and abuse physically these two visitors for personal selfish satisfaction. They were also willing to break all principles of hospitality and morality.

Gen 19:5 And they (men of Sodom) called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men (two angels who appeared as men) who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them carnally (which means men with men having sex, physical intercourse in this case with or without permission)."

The scripture tells us that the men of Sodom intend to have homosexual relations with these two visitors. By acting so wicked against two defenseless strangers, where are their wives, is no one standing up for righteousness, the entire community deserves divine punishment.

God compared Jerusalem to the ancient city of Sodom, saying they were like sisters. Then, God compared the sins of Sodom to the sins of Jerusalem at that time

Eze 16:49 "Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter (outlying cities) had pride (arrogant), fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen (or help) the hand of the poor and needy.

Eze 16:50 "And they were haughty and committed abomination (detestable evil & devilish sins) before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw fit.

Jdg 19:20 And the old man said, "Peace be with you! However, let all your needs be my responsibility; only do not spend the night in the open square."

Jdg 19:21 So he brought him into his house, and gave fodder to the donkeys. And they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

Jdg 19:22 As they were enjoying themselves, suddenly certain men of the city, perverted men, surrounded the house and beat on the door. They spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, "Bring out the man who came to your house, that we may know him carnally!"

Jdg 19:23 But the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, "No, my brethren! I beg you, do not act so wickedly! Seeing this man has come into my house, do not commit this outrage.

Jdg 19:24 "Look, here is my virgin daughter and the man's concubine; let me bring them out now. Humble them, and do with them as you please; but to this man do not do such a vile thing!"

Lev 18:22 'You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.

Lev 20:13 'If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them.

Rom 1:24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

Rom 1:25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Rom 1:26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

Rom 1:27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

Gen 19:6 So Lot went out to them (**men of Sodom**) through the doorway, shut the door behind him,

Gen 19:7 and said, "Please, my brethren (**Lot begged the fellow men of Sodom, he called them brethren but they actually dislike him and saw him as a foreigner**), do not do so wickedly!

How sad the low place of women in the pre-Christian world and the very high place of honor for any guest in one's home. Under the cultural rules of hospitality, it was often understood that a guest was to be protected more than one's own family, especially women within the household.

Gen 19:8 "See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man (**sexually, virgins**); please, let me bring them (**my two virgin daughters**) out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men (**two angels who appeared as men**), since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof (**they are under my protection**)."

Gen 19:9 And they (**men of Sodom**) said (**cried out**), "Stand back! (**Get out of our way!**)" Then they (**men of Sodom**) said, "This one (**Lot**) came in, to stay here (**is an outsider, not of us**), and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you (**Lot**), than with

them (**two angels who appeared as men**). So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door (**of the house**).

2Pet 2:4 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;

2Pet 2:5 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;

2Pet 2:6 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;

2Pet 2:7 and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked

2Pet 2:8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)--

2Pet 2:9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the Day of Judgment,

Gen 19:10 But the men (**two angels who appeared as men**) reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door (**after Lot was safely in the house**).

Gen 19:11 And they(**two angels who appeared as men**) struck (**smote**) the men (**men of Sodom**) who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary (**and gave up**) trying to find the door.

Genesis 19:12-22 Lot and Family Escapes (Mat 11:23-24; Luke 17:28-32)

Gen 19:12 Then the men (**two angels who appeared as men**) said to (**ask**) Lot, "Have you anyone else here (**in Sodom**)? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, (**relatives**) and whomever you have in the city--take them (**get them**) out of this place!

Gen 19:13 "For we will destroy this place (**soon, completely**), because the outcry (**for judgment**) against them (**people of Sodom**), has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us(**two angels who appeared as men**) to destroy it."

LORD sent two Angels

Gen 18:20 And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave,

Gen 18:21 "I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."

Gen 19:14 So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law (**fiancés**), who had (**betrothed, and legally promised to**) marry his daughters, and said, "Get up (**quickly**), get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city!" But to his sons-in-law, he(**Lot**) seemed to be joking.

Lots witness was gone because of his compromises, many like Lot have a saved souls but have no fruit and a wasted life in the world.

1Cor 3:15 (**Judgement seat for believers, works**) If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Gen 19:15 When the morning dawned (**sun rising**), 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 (**and destruction**) of the city."

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

Rev 18:5 "For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

Gen 19:16 And while he(**Lot**) lingered (**and was hesitating**), the men(**two angels who appeared as men**) took hold of his(**Lots**) hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him(**Lot, or Abraham's sake v29**), and they brought him(**Lot**) out and set him outside the city (**with his wife and daughters**).

Gen 19:17 So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he (**one angel**) said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay (**or stop**) anywhere in the plain (**valley**). Escape to the mountains (**of Moab**), lest you be destroyed (**swept away to death**)."

Gen 19:18 Then Lot said to them (**two angels who appeared as men**), "Please, no, (**I beg you not that place**) my lords (**two angels who appeared as men**)!"

Gen 19:19 "Indeed now (**behold, listen if**), your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have increased your mercy (**and lovingkindness**) which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil (**disaster**) overtake me and I die.

Gen 19:20 "See now, (**look**) this city (**small village in the distance**) is (**it**) near enough to flee to, and it is a little one; please let me escape there (is it not, a little one?) and my soul shall live (**be saved and survive**)."

Gen 19:21 And he(**angel**) said to him(**Lot**), "See, I have favored you concerning this thing (**okay, I will grant this request**) also, in that I will not overthrow (**destroy**) this city (**Zoar**) for which you have spoken.

Gen 19:22 "Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything (**allow judgement to fall upon them**) until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar (**which means little place or small village**).

Genesis 19:23-29 Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed (Mat 11:23-24; Luke 17:28-32)

Gen 19:23 The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar (**small village**).

Gen 19:24 Then the LORD rained brimstone (**flaming sulfur**) and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens.

Lev 10:1 Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them.

Lev 10:2 So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

Gen 19:25 So He(**LORD**) overthrew (**demolished, destroyed**) those cities, all the plain (**entire valley**), all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground (**completely destroyed**).

Deu 29:23 '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 Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and His wrath.

This demonstrates God's righteousness and wrath against sin, and his mercy in rescuing the godly from destruction, and speaks of the final judgment to come.

Gen 19:26 But his(**Lots**) wife looked back (**toward Sodom, in an act of disobedience**), was (**lingering**) behind him(**her husband**), and she became a pillar of salt.

Luk 17:26 "And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:

Luk 17:27 "They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Luk 17:28 "Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

Luk 17:29 "but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

Luk 17:30 "Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Luk 17:31 "In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.

Luk 17:32 "Remember Lot's wife (She is known for looking back to the world, not forward and upward to God).

Luk 17:33 "Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

Luk 17:34 "I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left.

Luk 17:35 "Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left.

Luk 17:36 "Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left."

Luk 9:23 Then He(Jesus) said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

Luk 9:24 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it (never turn back to the old life), but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

Gen 19:27 And Abraham went early the (next) morning to the place where he had stood (the previous day v18:22) before the LORD (In His presence, a great place, remembrance).

Gen 18:22 Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

Gen 19:28 Then he(Abraham) looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace.

Not only were Sodom and Gomorrah blazing with smoke but also Admah and Zeboiim (Deu 29:23; Hos 11:8), and all the cities and villages in the Valley were destroyed except the village of Zoar, the only exception.

Reminder Abraham, and his intercession for Lot and his family (Gen 18:20-33).

Rev 9:2 And he(angel) opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

Rev 18:9 "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,

Rev 18:10 "standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

Gen 19:29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham (and for that reason), and sent Lot out (had the angels get him and his family out) of the midst of the overthrow (judgement), when He (LORD) overthrew (destroyed) the cities in which Lot had dwelt (lived).

Noah Deliverance and then Rescued Supernaturally

Gen 8:1 Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.

Gen 8:2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.

Genesis 19:30-38 The Descendants of Lot (Lot Drunk Had Children with His Daughters)

Gen 19:30 Then Lot went up out of Zoar (afraid to stay any longer there), and dwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters were with him; for he(Lot) was afraid to dwell in Zoar (small village on the plain, brief time they spent in Zoar, they saw other people.). And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave.

Gen 19:31 Now the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old (aging), and there is no man on the earth (or in the land) to come in to us (so we can have a child) as is the custom of all the earth..

Gen 19:32 "Come, let us make our father drink (lots of) wine, and we will lie with him, (have sexual relations so) that we may preserve the lineage of our father (and have a child, to preserve our family line)."

Gen 19:33 So they(his two daughters) made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose (Lot was completely intoxicated and not aware of any sexual relations).

Gen 19:34 It happened on the next day that the firstborn (older) said to the younger, "Indeed I lay with my father last night; let us make him drink (lots of) wine tonight also, and you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage (seed) of our father (by having a child also)."

Gen 19:35 Then they made their father drink (lots of) 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 (Lot was completely intoxicated and not aware of any sexual relations with his younger daughter).

Gen 19:36 Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child (pregnant) by their (own) father.

Gen 19:37 The firstborn (oldest daughter) bore a son and called his name Moab (Moab sounds like a Hebrew term that means "from father"); he is the father of the Moabites to this day.

Deu 2:8 "And when we passed beyond our brethren, the descendants of Esau who dwell in Seir, away from the road of the plain, away from Elath and Ezion Geber, we turned and passed by way of the Wilderness of Moab.

Deu 2:9 "Then the LORD said to me, 'Do not harass Moab, nor contend with them in battle, for I will not give you any of their land as a possession, because I have given Ar to the descendants of Lot as a possession.' "

Gen 19:38 And the younger (**daughter**), she also bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi (**meaning "son of my kinsman, son of my people"**); he is the father of the people of Ammon (**Ammonites**) to this day.

Prayer:

May you experience now the touch of God upon your life in a very special way this week? You that are facing some heavy problems, some decisions that are very important, may God grant you His wisdom (James 1:5). And may you experience God's grace and the work of God's Spirit, empowering you and guiding you through this difficult time. You that have been discouraged, may you find the strength of the Lord ministering to you, lifting you up and encouraging you in the things of His Spirit. And may the love of Christ dwell in your hearts richly that your life might be a witness to this poor sick world that there is one who loves and there is one who cares. And may God grant you the opportunity of sharing His love and your faith with them. In Jesus' name.

Extra Scriptures:

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Rom 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Isa 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

2Tim 2:13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Charts

| <u>Outcry Against Sodom & Gomorrah</u> | <u>Explanation</u> | <u>Scripture Reference</u> |
|--|---|----------------------------|
| God's holy justice | God declared that the outcry | Genesis 18:20–21 |
| Angelic witnesses | The angels who visited Sodom directly | Genesis 19:1–13 |
| Victims of oppression and violence | The suffering of people harmed by the cities' | Ezekiel 16:49–50 |
| The poor and needy | Sodom was condemned for pride and no help | Ezekiel 16:49 |
| Sexual corruption and immorality | Their widespread sexual sin and perversion | Jude 1:7 |
| Society corrupted by lawlessness | Social atmosphere was marked by wickedness | 2 Peter 2:6–8 |
| Righteous people distressed by evil | Lot's righteous soul was "tormented" | 2 Peter 2:7–8 |
| Creation itself affected by sin | Human rebellion brought defilement | Isaiah 24:5–6 |
| Heaven's testimony wickedness | Their sin was so open and arrogant | Isaiah 3:9 |
| The cry of accumulated sin | Their wickedness demanded divine response. | Gen 18:20 & 19:13 |

| <u>Scripture</u> | <u>First Mention</u> | <u>Brief Description</u> | <u>Comment / Significance</u> |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Genesis 19:1 | Angels entering a city | Two angels arrive in Sodom | First explicit angelic visitation with judgment |
| Genesis 19:3 | Unleavened bread | Lot fixes unleavened bread | First mention of unleavened bread |
| Genesis 19:11 | Blindness / judgment | Men of Sodom struck blind | First supernatural blindness divine judgment |
| Genesis 19:16 | Mercy then judgment | Angels pull Lot's family out | God's mercy rescuing before destruction |
| Genesis 19:17 | "Escape for your life" | Command to flee judgment | Pattern of salvation/separation |
| Genesis 19:24 | Fire from heaven | Sodom-Gomorrah destroyed | First large-scale heavenly judgment by fire |
| Genesis 19:26 | Looking back | Lot's wife: a pillar of salt | Warning against attachment to the old life |
| Genesis 19:37 | Moab | Birth of the Moabites | First mention connected with Israel's history |
| Genesis 19:38 | Ammon | Birth of the Ammonites | First mention of another neighboring nation |

Scripture

Numbers 23:19
Joshua 21:45 “
Joshua 23:14
1 Kings 8:56
Psalm 145:13
Isaiah 55:10–11
Lamentations 3:22–23
2 Corinthians 1:20
Hebrews 10:23

Promises of God

God does not lie or change His mind; what He promises He will do.
Not one of God's good promises failed to Israel.
Every promise God made came true.
Not one word of God's promise failed.
The Lord is faithful in all His words.
God's word accomplishes what He sends it to do.
God's faithfulness is renewed every morning.
All God's promises are "Yes" in Christ.
God is faithful to keep His promises (God who has promised is faithful).