~LOT 2 (438)

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- ·· A Warning
- A grandson of Terah and son of Abraham's, Abram's brother Haran, hence, Abraham's nephew.
- And this is the history of Terah. Terah became father to Abram, Nahor and Haran, and Haran became father to Lot. (Genesis 11:27)
- Lot's father Haran died in Ur of the Chaldees, and Lot therefore went with Terah, Abram, and Sarai from Ur to the city of Haran, where his grandfather Terah died.
- Later Haran died while in company with Terah his father in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans. (Genesis 11:28)
- After that Terah took Abram his son and Lot, the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, the wife of Abram his son, and they went with him out of Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan. In time they came to Haran and took up dwelling there. (Genesis 11:31)
- And the days of Terah came to be two hundred and five years. Then Terah died in Haran. (Genesis 11:32)
- Lot then journeyed to Canaan with Abram and Sarai, and he later accompanied them to and from Egypt.
- At that Abram went just as Yehowah had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he went out from Haran. (Genesis 12:4)
- So Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot the son of his brother and all the goods that they had accumulated and the souls whom they had acquired in Haran, and they got on their way out to go to the land of Canaan. Finally they came to the land of Canaan. (Genesis 12:5)
- Following that Abram went up out of Egypt, he and his wife and

all that he had, and Lot with him, to the Negeb. (Genesis 13:1)

- Because the accumulated possessions of Lot and Abram had become many, when they returned to Canaan the land was unable to sustain them together. Also, quarreling arose between their herdsmen.
- Now Lot, who was going along with Abram, also owned sheep and cattle and tents. (Genesis 13:5)
- So the land did not allow for them to dwell all together, because their goods had become many and they were not able to dwell all together. (Genesis 13:6)
- And a quarrel arose between the herders of Abram's livestock and the herders of Lot's livestock, and at that time the Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling in the land. (Genesis 13:7)
- Abram, not wishing to see this continue, suggested that they separate, giving his nephew the choice of land. Lot selected a well-watered area, the whole district of Lower Jordan. He moved his camp to the East and eventually pitched tent near Sodom.
- Hence Abram said to Lot; Please, do not let any quarreling continue between me and you and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we men are brothers. (Genesis 13:8)
- Is not the whole land available to you? Please, separate from me. If you go to the left, then I will go to the right, but if you go to the right, then I will go to the left. (Genesis 13:9)
- So Lot raised his eyes and saw the whole District of the Jordan, that all of it was a wellwatered region before Yehowah brought Sodom and Gomorrah to ruin, like the garden of Yehowah, like the land of Egypt as far as Zoar. (Genesis 13:10)
- Then Lot chose for himself the whole District of the Jordan, and Lot moved his camp to the east. So they separated the one from the other. (Genesis 13:11)
- Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, but Lot dwelt among the cities of the District. Finally he pitched tent near Sodom. (Genesis 13:12)

- But Lot did not become like the Sodomites. He proved himself to be a righteous man who by what he saw and heard while dwelling among them from day to day was tormenting his righteous soul by reason of their lawless deeds.
- For that righteous man by what he saw and heard while dwelling among them from day to day was tormenting his righteous soul by reason of their lawless deeds. (2 Peter 2:8)
- At the time that four invading confederate kings defeated five local kings, including the king of Sodom, the victors looted the city and took Lot captive. Learning of Lot's plight, Abram mustered 318 slaves, defeated the captors, recovered all the property, and rescued Lot.
- Now it came about in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goim. (Genesis 14:1)
- That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, that is to say, Zoar. (Genesis 14:2)
- All these marched as allies to the Low Plain of Siddim, that is, the Salt Sea. (Genesis 14:3)
- Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but the thirteenth year they rebelled. (Genesis 14:4)
- And in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer came, and also the kings who were with him, and they inflicted defeats on the Rephaim in Ashterothkarnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shavehkiriathaim. (Genesis 14:5)
- And the Horites in their mountain of Seir, down to Elparan, which is at the wilderness. (Genesis 14:6)
- Then they turned about and came to Enmishpat, that is, Kadesh, and defeated the whole field of the Amalekites and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazontamar. (Genesis 14:7)
- At this point the king of Sodom went on the march, and also the king of Gomorrah and the king of Admah and the king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela, that is to say, Zoar, and they drew up in battle order against them in the Low Plain of Siddim. (Genesis

14:8)

- Against Chedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of Goiim and Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against the five. (Genesis 14:9)
- Now the Low Plain of Siddim was pits upon pits of bitumen, and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah took to flight and went falling into them, and those who remained fled to the mountainous region. (Genesis 14:10)
- Then the victors took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food and went on their way. (Genesis 14:11)
- They also took Lot the son of Abram's brother and his goods and continued on their way. He was then dwelling in Sodom. (Genesis 14:12)
- After that a man who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew. He was then tabernacling among the big trees of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and they were confederates of Abram. (Genesis 14:13)
- Thus Abram got to hear that his brother had been taken captive. With that he mustered his trained men, three hundred and eighteen slaves born in his household, and went in pursuit up to Dan. (Genesis 14:14)
- And by night he resorted to dividing his forces, he and his slaves, against them, and thus he defeated them and kept in pursuit of them up to Hobah, which is north of Damascus. (Genesis 14:15)
- And he proceeded to recover all the goods, and he recovered also Lot his brother and his goods and also the women and the people. (Genesis 14:16)

" Visited By Angels

Later, when Lot was visited by two angels at the time of Sodom's impending destruction, he extended hospitality to them. But the men of the city surrounded the house and demanded that the visitors be brought out to them for immoral purposes.

- Lot sought to protect his guests even to the point of offering his two virgin daughters to the mob. Angered, the mob pressed heavily in on Lot, whereupon his angelic visitors brought him indoors and struck the wicked Sodomites with blindness.
- Now the two angels arrived at Sodom by evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot caught sight of them, then he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the earth. (Genesis 19:1)
- And he proceeded to say; Please, now, my lords, turn aside, please, into the house of your servant and stay overnight and have your feet washed. Then you must get up early and travel on your way. To this they said; No, but in the public square is where we shall stay overnight. (Genesis 19:2)
- But he was very insistent with them, so that they turned aside to him and came into his house. Then he made a feast for them, and he baked unfermented cakes, and they went to eating. (Genesis 19:3)
- Before they could lie down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, from boy to old man, all the people in one mob. (Genesis 19:4)
- And they kept calling out to Lot and saying to him; Where are the men who came in to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have intercourse with them. (Genesis 19:5)
- Finally Lot went out to them to the entrance, but he shut the door behind him. (Genesis 19:6)
- Then he said; Please, my brothers, do not act badly. (Genesis 19:7)
- Please, here I have two daughters who have never had intercourse with a man. Please, let me bring them out to you. Then do to them as is good in your eyes. Only to these men do not do a thing, because that is why they have come under the shadow of my roof. (Genesis 19:8)
- At this they said; Stand back there! And they added; This lone man came here to reside as an alien and yet he would actually play the judge. Now we are going to do worse to you than to

- them. And they came pressing heavily in on the man, on Lot, and were getting near to break in the door. (Genesis 19:9)
- So the men thrust out their hands and brought Lot in to them, into the house, and they shut the door. (Genesis 19:10)
- But they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, from the least to the greatest, so that they were wearing themselves out trying to find the entrance. (Genesis 19:11)

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- The angels then informed Lot that the outcry against the inhabitants of Sodom had grown loud before Yehowah and that they had been sent to destroy the city.
- As instructed, Lot warned his prospective sons-in-law, who evidently were intending to take his daughters as wives, but had not yet done so.
- Please, here I have two daughters who have never had intercourse with a man. Please, let me bring them out to you. Then do to them as is good in your eyes. Only to these men do not do a thing, because that is why they have come under the shadow of my roof. (Genesis 19:8)
- Hence Lot went on out and began to speak to his sons-in-law who were to take his daughters, and he kept on saying; Get up! Get out of this place, because Yehowah is bringing the city to ruin! But in the eyes of his sons-in-law he seemed like a man who was joking. (Genesis 19:14)
- However, his sons-in-law did not heed his words.
- Then the men said to Lot; Do you have anyone else here? Sonin-law and your sons and your daughters and all who are yours in the city, bring out of the place! (Genesis 19:12)
- For we are bringing this place to ruin, because the outcry against them has grown loud before Yehowah, so that Yehowah sent us to bring the city to ruin. (Genesis 19:13)
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- At dawn the two angels urged prompt departure, hastening it by seizing the hands of Lot, his wife, and his two daughters. In keeping with Lot's request, the angels permitted him to flee to the nearby city of Zoar.
- After Lot arrived there, Yehowah brought fiery destruction upon Sodom and Gomorrah. However, Lot's wife, who is unnamed in the Scriptures, disobediently began to look around from behind him, perhaps with longing for the things left behind. For doing so, she became a pillar of salt.
- However, when the dawn ascended, then the angels became urgent with Lot, saying; Get up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are found here, for fear you may be swept away in the error of the city! (Genesis 19:15)
- When he kept lingering, then in the compassion of Yehowah upon him, the men seized hold of his hand and of the hand of his wife and of the hands of his two daughters and they proceeded to bring him out and to station him outside the city. (Genesis 19:16)
- And it came about that, as soon as they had brought them forth to the outskirts, he began to say; Escape for your soul! Do not look behind you and do not stand still in all the District! Escape to the mountainous region for fear you may be swept away! (Genesis 19:17)
- Then Lot said to them; Not that, please, Yehowah! (Genesis 19:18)
- Please, now, your servant has found favor in your eyes so that you are magnifying your loving-kindness, which you have exercised with me to preserve my soul alive, but I, I am not able to escape to the mountainous region for fear calamity may keep close to me and I certainly die. (Genesis 19:19)
- Please, now, this city is nearby to flee there and it is a small thing. May I, please, escape there, is it not a small thing? And

- my soul will live on. (Genesis 19:20)
- So he said to him; Here I do show you consideration to this extent also, by my not overthrowing the city of which you have spoken. (Genesis 19:21)
- Hurry! Escape there, because I am not able to do a thing until your arriving there! That is why he called the name of the city Zoar. (Genesis 19:22)
- The sun had gone forth over the land when Lot arrived at Zoar. (Genesis 19:23)
- Then Yehowah made it rain sulphur and fire from Yehowah, from the heavens, upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah. (Genesis 19:24)
- So he went ahead overthrowing these cities, even the entire District and all the inhabitants of the cities and the plants of the ground. (Genesis 19:25)
- And his wife began to look around from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. (Genesis 19:26)
- Lot later moved from Zoar and began dwelling in a cave in a mountainous region. The prospective sons-in-law of Lot evidently died in Sodom, so Lot's two daughters were without mates.
- They caused their father unwittingly to have sexual relations with them while he was under the influence of wine. This they did to preserve offspring from their father. As a result, each daughter had a son, from whom the Moabites and the Ammonites descended.
- Later Lot went up from Zoar and began dwelling in the mountainous region, and his two daughters along with him, because he got afraid of dwelling in Zoar. So he began dwelling in a cave, he and his two daughters. (Genesis 19:30)
- And the firstborn proceeded to say to the younger woman; Our father is old and there is not a man in the land to have relations with us according to the way of the whole earth. (Genesis 19:31)
- Come, let us give our father wine to drink and let us lie down with him and preserve offspring from our father. (Genesis 19:32)

- So they kept giving their father wine to drink during that night, then the firstborn went in and lay down with her father, but he did not know when she lay down and when she got up. (Genesis 19:33)
- And it came about on the next day that the firstborn then said to the younger; Here I lay down with my father last night. Let us give him wine to drink tonight also. Then you go in, lie down with him, and let us preserve offspring from our father. (Genesis 19:34)
- So they repeatedly gave their father wine to drink during that night also, then the younger got up and lay down with him, but he did not know when she lay down and when she got up. (Genesis 19:35)
- And both the daughters of Lot became pregnant from their father. (Genesis 19:36)
- In time the firstborn became mother to a son and called his name Moab. He is the father of Moab, to this day. (Genesis 19:37)
- As for the younger, she too gave birth to a son and then called his name Benammi. He is the father of the sons of Ammon, to this day. (Genesis 19:38) FOOTNOTE
- Yehowah then said to me; Do not molest Moab or engage in war with them, because I shall not give you any of his land as a holding, for to the sons of Lot I have given Ar as a holding.

 (Deuteronomy 2:9)
- And you must get close in front of the sons of Ammon. Do not molest them or engage in strife with them, because I shall not give you any of the land of the sons of Ammon as a holding, for it is to the sons of Lot that I have given it as a holding.

 (Deuteronomy 2:19)

·· A Warning

The authenticity of the Scriptural account regarding Lot is attested to by Jesus Christ. He showed that in the days of the Son of man, or during his presence, circumstances would parallel those of the days of Lot when persons were unconcernedly eating, drinking, buying,

selling, planting, and building until fire and sulfur rained down from heaven to destroy them all.

- Christ showed that at that future time persons should not return to the things behind, and he gave a striking example to show the dire consequences of doing so, by saying; Remember the wife of Lot.
- Moreover, just as it occurred in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of man. (Luke 17:26)
- They were eating, they were drinking, men were marrying, women were being given in marriage, until that day when Noah entered into the ark, and the flood arrived and destroyed them all. (Luke 17:27)
- Likewise, just as it occurred in the days of Lot, they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building. (Luke 17:28)
- But on the day that Lot came out of Sodom it rained fire and sulphur from heaven and destroyed them all. (Luke 17:29)
- The same way it will be on that day when the Son of man is to be revealed. (Luke 17:30)
- On that day let the person that is on the housetop but whose movable things are in the house not come down to pick these up, and the person out in the field, let him likewise not return to the things behind. (Luke 17:31)
- Remember the wife of Lot. (Luke 17:32)