

CHAPTER ANALYSIS FORM

Chapter: 18:16 through end of 19

Chapter Title: Sodom and Gomorrah

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	Chapter 18		
16-33	<p>God allows Abraham in on his plans for Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham is bold and asks if God will not spare the cities for the sake of the righteous. Starting with 50 and bargaining all the way down to 10. God declares he will spare the wicked cities for the sake of the righteous.</p>	16-33	<p>The outcry against the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah was great. So great it had risen to heaven. Which begs the question – who was crying out? The Bible does not say so we are left to conjecture but I don't think it was a vocal cry from disturbed people. I think it was more like the blood of Abel crying out to the Lord from the ground. The very act of sin and the total depravity of that area was the cry to God.</p> <p>God did not have to let Abraham know what he was going to do. Even as He does Abraham shows his concern, probably for Lot and his family, about any righteous people that will be destroyed because of the wicked. His point is God cannot do such because of His own nature. God agrees but there is a dichotomy between God's standard of righteousness and Abraham's. Later events prove that even Lot would have been destroyed justly. Once again, it is a matter of grace. Righteousness is a gift from God – not something we possess inherently.</p> <p>As we saw last week, one of the "visitors" was the Angel of the Lord or a pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus. The other two "visitors" were angels.</p>

	Chapter 19		
1-3	The two visitors enter the city of Sodom in the evening. They are welcomed by Lot and invited to come to his house. They decline, wanting to stay in the square but Lot insists and they acquiesce.	1-3	We see the “righteous” side of Lot in these verses. He was “sitting in the gate” which was a position of authority in his time. It also meant he would act as a judge in various disputes between citizens. There is the possibility that he was just sitting there watching the sun go down but not likely. As Abraham, Lot is hospitable and would not let the strangers stay in the city square for the night.
4-11	Men and young men of the city come to Lot’s house demanding he turn over the visitors to them. Lot will not but offers his virgin daughters instead. They attempt to force their way into the house but the visitors pull Lot back in and strike the mob with blindness.	4-11	Here we begin to see part of the “unrighteousness” of Lot. Remember from chapter 17 that Abraham still lived in a tent. Lot has either built or bought a house in Sodom. Lot has been accepted by the people of Sodom to the point that he is allowed to sit as a judge and elder in the city gate. Lot is thoroughly entrenched in the culture of Sodom. He does well in denying the demands of the men of the city for the visitors but he offers his daughters instead. It could be he was more concerned about the visitors than his daughters or it could have been a cunning, calculated move because the men of the city were there for the travelers and not women (at least not that night) but it is still a callous act. Lot is saved but the wicked citizens are struck with blindness.
12-14	Lot is warned to get out of the city and take his loved ones with him before the city is destroyed. His sons-in-law do not believe him – thinking he is joking.	12-14	Reminds me of the world prior to the Flood in Noah’s day and the continued attitude of sinful people today.
15-17	The next morning Lot is told to leave and not look back. He hesitates and is forcibly removed.	15-17	Where has God called us to leave and we linger – unwilling to give up what is not good for us or those we love? When has God had to forcibly remove you from a situation because you refused to listen?

18-22	The angels tell Lot to flee to the hills. He balks and wants to go to a nearby city because he is afraid. He is allowed his request. Wherever Lot and his family flee they must be clear of Sodom before it will be destroyed.	18-22	It appears that Lot does not have much faith nor does he lend credence to the warnings of the angels. He is driven by fear and misgivings. His argument with the angels is not like Abrahams. Abraham was concerned with a righteous God and his treatment of others. Lot, once again, is concerned with ease and his own preservation. Just as he took the easy way out when moving to the Jordan valley now he wants the easy way out to avoid destruction. Where does our concern lie? When we intercede with God what motivates to intercede?
23-29	Lot and his family reach safety in Zoar. Destruction rains down on Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding area. In spite of being told not to look back, Lot's wife does and is turned into a pillar of salt. Abraham wakes the next morning and sees the destruction. God brought Lot out of Sodom because of Abraham.	23-29	We are never really told in the OT what specific sin was the cause of the destruction. There are many different opinions and traditions – homosexuality, being inhospitable, utter depraved selfishness. In the NT, Jude 7 states the destruction was because of sexual immorality and perversion. Whatever the reason the sin of these two cities was so great God felt he had to destroy them. The Bible also tells us that Lot was saved because God considered Abraham righteous. Otherwise, he would have been destroyed with the rest of the population.
30-38	Lot does flee to the hills after becoming fearful in Zoar. He and his daughters are living in a cave. His daughters despair that they will never have children so they get him drunk and sleep with him. The children born are the progenitors of the Ammonites and Moabites.	30-38	And we see the fruits of compromising with a sinful world. Lot and his daughters have bought into the culture of Sodom wholeheartedly. I guess we could be generous and say that Lot didn't know what happened but when both daughters turn up pregnant and there were no other men around you have to think he could put two and two together. The Moabites and Ammonites were thorns in the sides of Israel throughout their history.

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4. Correlation		5. Application
Where Else Is It Explained?		What Will I Do About It?
Verse		
	Chapter 18	
18	Acts 3:25 Romans 4:13 Galatians 3:8	
20-21	Luke 17:28 Rev 18:5	
18:20- 19:28	Matthew 10:15	
25	Hebrews 12:23	
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1-3	Hebrews 13:2	
1-14	Luke 17:28	
1-16	2 Peter 2:7	
4-25	Jude 7	
15-29	Luke 17:28	
17	Luke 17:31-32	
24	2 Peter 2:6 Revelation 14:10	

6. Conclusions

7. One Personal Application