

# Genesis 19

## Genesis 19.1-11

**V1 – Two angels?** Third being – talking with Abraham

- Where is Lot?** At the gate of the city
- Place of prominence – maybe Lot was an official of city
- Legal affairs were often conducted at gate of city – *Ruth 4.1-12*
- What was Lot’s reaction to the two strangers?** Great hospitality, lodging, etc.

**V2 –** Lot invited them to his house, washed their feet, etc.

- Reaction of two “men” (angels)?** Wanted to spend night in city square
- Why?** See *Genesis 18.21* – to see for themselves

**V3 – Lot’s reaction?** Urged them not to spend the night in square (too wicked)

- Apparently the two angels agreed to spend night inside Lot’s house

**V4 – What did people in town do?** A small [riot] surrounded the house of Lot

**V5 –** The crowd was demanding that the two angels come out so that they could have sexual relations with them.

- The most evil scene in the Bible

**V6 – What did Lot do?** Tried to talk to them

- Why did he close the door behind him?** So that angels could not hear him (a sad conversation)

**V7 – Notice “my brothers” – Indicates?** Lot was considered one of them (close to them)

**V8 – What did Lot do?** Offered his two virgin daughters

- This indicates Lot’s lack of moral strength
- Why did Lot want to protect two [men]?** For sake of hospitality (*verse 8*)

**V9 – Reaction of crowd?** “Stand aside”

- What did they say about Lot?** An “outsider”
- They almost broke the door down

**V10-11 – What did two angels do?** Struck townspeople with blindness

- Did it cause the mob to disperse?** No – they just couldn’t find the door

## Genesis 19.12-22

**V12 – Message of angels to Lot?** Get all your family together – get them out of the city

**V13 – Why leave the city?** About to be destroyed

**V14 – Who did Lot try to get to leave?** Future sons-in-law

- Their reaction?** Thought he was kidding
- Indicates that he did not have a reputation of being a righteous man

**V 15** – Early next morning (possibly *verse 14* was very late at night – early morning)

- Message of angels?** Get wife and daughters and run for your lives

**V 16** – **What did Lot do?** Hesitated

- Why?** Maybe he liked the city too much
- What did the angels do?** Got them all by hand and led them out of the city
- Why?** God had mercy on Lot

**V 17** – **Instructions of angels?** Don't look back; don't stay in the valley, but run to mountains

**V 18** – **How many righteous did Abraham think he could find in Sodom?** Ten

- How many actually left Sodom (righteous people)?** Four – Lot, wife, two daughters

**V 18-19** – **Request from Lot?** Mountains were too far away to get to

**V 20** – Lot still didn't seem to realize how serious it was – wanted just to go to next town

**V 21** – **Reply of angels?** OK – just make it to that town

**V 22** – Notice the sense of urgency – like holding back huge wall of water, ready to break loose any second

## **Genesis 19.23-26**

**V 23** – **Time of day?** Sun has come up

**V 24** – The destruction of Sodom/Gomorrah began

**V 25** – Towns in immediate vicinity were also destroyed

**V 26** – **What about Lot's wife?** Looked back

- What happened to her?** She turned into a pillar of salt

**Read Luke 17.28-33**

- Great Lessons?** Put hand to plow and don't look back
- Don't look back at your old way of life

## **Genesis 19.27-29**

**V 27** – Abraham got up early – went to place where he had “dealt” with God over destruction of Sodom

**V 28** – **What did Abraham see?** Smoke of burning of Sodom and Gomorrah

**V 29 – Would Abraham have missed Lot? Yes**

-It seems that God saved Lot (to some extent) because of righteousness of Abraham

**Genesis 19.30-38** - A pitiful incident from life of Lot

**V 30 – Why did he live in a cave?** Possibly afraid of people in Zoar (would blame him for destruction of Sodom, etc.)

-Remember: Lot had just lost his wife – maybe not yet back to normal

**V 31 – What did his daughters get worried about?** No children and not married

**V 32 – Their plan?** Get their father drunk and have sexual relations with him (to have children)

**V 33 – Older daughter did it first**

**V 34-35 – Younger daughter the next night**

**V 36 – Both daughters became pregnant**

**V 37 – “Moab” born to older daughter**

**V 38 – Benammi (father of Ammonites) born to younger daughter**

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