

Sodom and Gomorrah





Let's see. Last time I told you that Abraham was entertaining angels. Well, that very same evening, the two angels arrived in Sodom. Do you remember Lot? He is Abraham's nephew. He moved to Sodom and he just happened to be sitting in the gate when the angels arrived. Lot saw the angels as men. He invited the angels to spend the night at his house. The angels said they wanted to spend the night on the street in the middle of the city.

Lot convinced the angels to spend the evening at his house. He knew it was not safe on the streets of the city. When Lot arrived home with his guests, he had a large meal prepared for them. The angels really enjoyed the meal. Before the angels laid down for the night, men of the city surrounded the house. They called Lot and asked, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out so we can cause them pain."





Picture of Sodom

Lot went out to them and shut the door behind him. He said, "Please don't do this. I would rather have you hurt the two daughters who live with me rather than have you hurt the men that are in my house. I promised them my protection."

The men told Lot to "move before we deal worse with you than with them." The men pressed Lot hard against the door and almost broke down the door. The angels reached out and pulled Lot back into the house and shut the door. The angels caused the men outside the door to go blind. The men grew tired of trying to find the door and gave up.



The angels said to Lot, "Do you have anyone else here in the city? Sons-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city--take them out of this place! We will destroy this place because these people are so very bad. The Lord has sent us to destroy these twin cities."

Lot went out and spoke to both of his sons-in-law. Lot said, "Get up, get my daughters and get out of this place. The Lord will destroy this city!" But his sons-in-law thought he was crazy or joking. They had no intention of leaving.

The angels stayed in Lot's home all night. At the first light of morning, the angels started to rush Lot. They told Lot to take his wife and two daughters and leave immediately if they wanted to live.

Thinking about his other daughters, Lot froze. The angels grabbed Lot, his wife and both daughters by the wrist and pulled them out of the house and out of the city. One of the angels told Lot, "Run for your life! Don't look back! Make it to the other side of the mountain or you will die."



Lot said to them, "Please, getting to the other side of the mountain is a hard trip. It's a dangerous trip. Can't we run to another city that is easier to reach?"

The angel said, "Fine! Go to Zoar! Hurry because I can not move against Sodom and Gomorrah until you get there." Most people were eating breakfast when Lot reached Zoar. As soon as he made it to the city limits, the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah.

Lot's wife disobeyed the angels by looking back. Her disobedience caused her death. She quickly became a pillar of salt. Lot and his daughters had to keep on going and leave her there.

When Abraham entertained the Lord and angels, do you remember how many righteous people had to be found in the city for the Lord to spare the city from destruction? That's right...ten. How many did the Lord find? Only eight. Lot, his wife, his two single daughters, his two married daughters and their husbands. His married daughters and their husbands missed their chance to leave the city.

