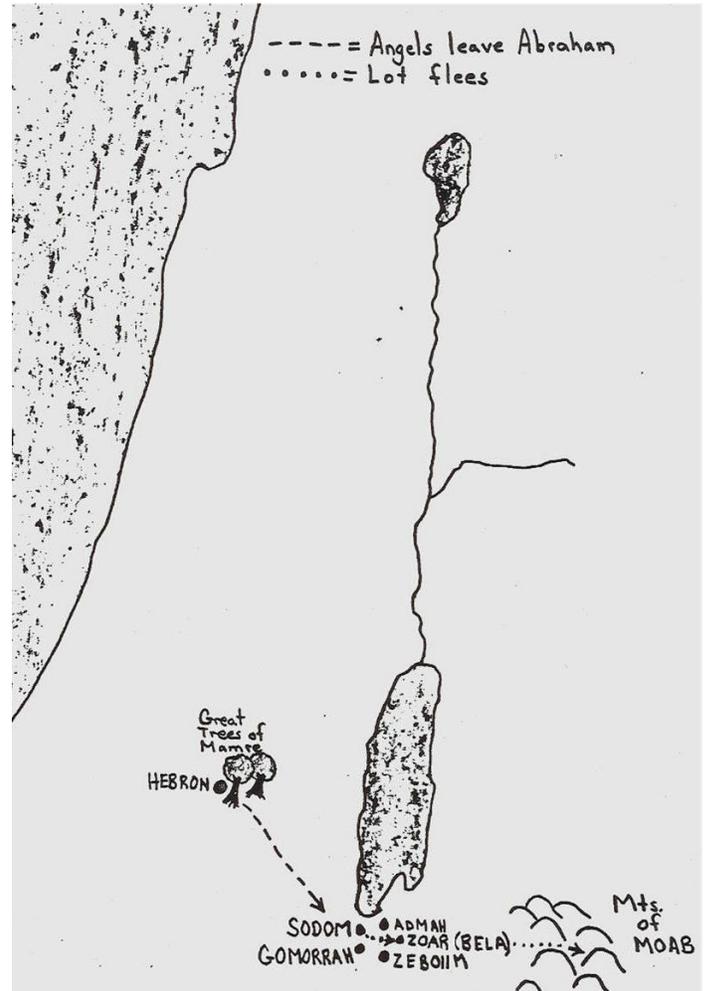


In Genesis 18:21, the LORD had said: "I will go down to see if what they have done justifies the cry that has come up to Me. If not, I will find out." The section before us describes what the LORD saw.

Read Genesis 19:1-3

- As the two angels enter the city of Sodom, we are told that Lot was sitting at Sodom's gate. What does that tell you about Lot?
 - Proverbs 31:23 – "Her husband is known at the city gates, where he sits among the elders of the land."
- What similarities do you notice between the way that Lot greets these two and the way Abraham greeted the three in the previous chapter?



Read Genesis 19:4-11

- What does this section clearly illustrate about God's planned judgement for Sodom?
- In 2 Peter 2:7ff, God through the Apostle Peter clearly calls Lot "a righteous man." Yet, even so, Lot's faith wasn't always clearly on display. How did Lot here fail the men of Sodom?

Read Genesis 19:12-16

- How is the name LORD fittingly used here in this section?

Read Genesis 19:17-22

- Apply the following words to this section: “Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!”

Read Genesis 19:23-26

- “It is interesting to note the particular divine name Moses uses for the one who sent the destruction: ‘The LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah.’ It was the God of grace who intervened in judgment when his offer of grace was refused. It is the Savior who still says: ‘Do not be deceived; I am not mocked. A man reaps what he sows.’ Lot’s wife found that out from bitter experience when she despised God’s warning and turned back to look at the city that had been her home and where her heart’s loyalty was. She was struck dead instantly. Her body, embalmed in salt, stood as a grim reminder of the terrible price all will pay who cannot tear their hearts loose from the joys and toys this earthly life offers. It is hardly surprising that, 20 centuries later, when Jesus was warning his disciples against earthly-mindedness, he added, ‘Remember Lot’s wife!’ (Luke 17:32).”

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Read Genesis 19:27-29

- As Abraham watched from Hebron (about 40 miles away) he saw what looked like smoke from a furnace. What did Abraham know when he saw this?
- What did Abraham not know as he saw this smoke?
- Note the change of which divine name was used here. What is the focus of the name God verse the name LORD?

Read Genesis 19:30-38

- Why include this story in Scripture?