

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022
GENESIS 19:30-39

INTRODUCTION:

1. As the entire plane was consumed by fire and brimstone, Lot's wife looked back.
 - a) **GENESIS 19.26:** *"But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt."*
 - b) Why was Lot's wife commanded not to look back? (Gen. 19.17; cf. Luke 17.31-33)
 - c) Why did Lot's wife disobey the command? (Matt. 6.19-21)
2. From a distance, *"Abraham looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah"* (Gen. 19.28).
 - a) Abraham saw the destruction that God had said was coming. (Gen. 19.28; Deut. 29.23)
 - b) God *"remembered Abraham and sent Lot out"* (Gen. 19.29; cf. 8.1)
3. After the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, we have a shocking even in Zoar.

I. THE DWELLING PLACE OF LOT

- A. **Genesis 19.30:** *"The Lot went out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountains"*
 1. Specifically, Lot and his daughters *"dwelt in a cave"* (v. 30)
 2. Caves were commonly used for dwelling in safety. (Josh. 10.16-18,27; 1 Sam. 24.1-3)
- B. Why did Lot leave Zoar to dwell in a cave in the mountains?
 1. **GENESIS 19.30:** *"he was afraid to dwell in Zoar"* (Gen. 19.30).
 - a) Afraid of the people who dwelt in the city? (Jude 7)
 - b) Afraid of the destruction of the city? (Gen. 19.29)
 2. This was where he was told to flee in the first place. (Gen. 19.17)

II. THE DECISION OF LOT'S DAUGHTERS

- A. The Purpose.
 1. **GENESIS 19.31:** *"Our father is old"* Lot had no sons and was running out of time.
 2. **GENESIS 19.31:** *"there is no man on the earth to come in to us"* (cf. Gen. 19.14)
 3. **Genesis 19.32:** *"that we may preserve the lineage of our father"*
- B. The Plan.
 1. **GENESIS 19.32:** *"Come, let us make our father drunk with wine"*
 2. On successive nights, his daughters *"lay with him"* (Gen. 19.33-35).
 3. Because he was drunk, Lot *"did not know when she lie down"* (Gen. 19.33,35).
 4. Did Lot's daughters sin?
 - a) God condemns incestuous relationships. (Lev. 18.3,6; Gen. 20.12)
 - b) Lot's daughters acted deceptively against his will. (Gen. 19.32)
 - c) Though they had good intentions, his daughters had been influenced by their environment. (1 Cor. 15.33). Does the ends justify the means?
- C. Their Pregnancies
 1. **GENESIS 19.36:** *"Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child."*
 2. Moab: Hebrew meaning literally, *"from the father."* (Gen. 19.37)
 3. Ben-Ammi: Hebrew meaning literally *"son of my people."* (Gen. 19.38)

III. THE DESCENDANTS OF LOT

- A. The people of Moab
 1. The king of Moab solicited Balaam to curse Israel. (Num. 22-24)
 - a) They had reason to be afraid. (Num. 22.1-3)
 - b) Four times, God caused Balaam to bless Israel. (Num. 23.5,16; 24.1,2,15,16)
 2. The people of Moab and Ammon were protected. (Deut. 2.9,19)
- C. The people of Ammon
 1. The war between Israel and Ammon. (Judges 11.4-6,12,13; Num. 21.24; Deut. 2.19,37)
 2. Jephthah's vow in reference to defeating the Ammonites. (Judges 11.29-31)