

## A PROPHETIC SCENARIO - THE DAYS OF LOT

Ezekiel 16:49-50 - “Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom; she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food, and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy”

Deut. 29:23-27 - “All its land is brimstone and salt, a burning waste, unsown and unproductive... like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah...the nations shall say, why has the Lord done thus to this land?... because they forsook the covenant of the Lord... And they went and served other gods and worshiped them...Therefore the anger of the Lord burned against that land...”

2 Peter 2:6-9 - “...He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly thereafter, and if He rescued righteous Lot...oppressed by what he saw and heard...his righteous soul tormented day after day...then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation...”

The Days Of Lot Are Like The Day In Which We Live; Luke 17:28-30

1. Lot and Abram departed from Ur (Chaldea) after the Lord appeared to Abram; Gen. 12:1
2. This Babylonian culture of idolatry and occultic practices, had an advanced system of writing, mathematical, astronomical and astrological computation, with religious and educational organization and a highly developed business and commercial system.
3. Abram and Lot were shepherds; in a dispute (strife) with the herdsmen over the flocks; Gen. 13:7-8, Lot parted from Abram and settled in the cities of the plain:
  - a. The man of the flesh and the man of the spirit cannot dwell together
  - b. Abram was more concerned about the love for his “brother”, and the witness to the heathen who were watching them, than he was for his own wealth; Genesis 13:9
  - c. When Lot was captured, Abram arose as a conqueror over the kings of the land to help Lot; Abram’s response to his carnal “brother” was prompt and unselfish
4. Sodom and Gomorrah were two thriving, prosperous cities of the plain, situated on the Jordan River, in a fertile oasis area, which today is the region of the Dead Sea:
  - a. Material prosperity without spiritual prosperity will end in ruin; Ps. 73:3, 17-19
  - b. Sin will turn the most fruitful places into a moral wasteland (the wages of sin is death)
  - c. Historical accounts tell of the great wickedness within those cities; the people engaged in all sorts of sinful behavior which included sexual perversion, unnatural lust, violence, theft, and were known to be especially cruel to travelers and beggars; Gen. 13:13; 18:20
5. The first time the scriptures speak of homosexual activity was in Lot’s encounter with the Sodomites who wanted to have relations with Lot’s visitors; Gen. 19:4-11; 1 Kings 14:24
  - a. The wicked men were blinded by the angels of the Lord, but even in their blindness, they still tried to force their way into Lot’s house in order to gratify a perverted lust
  - b. Although God can and does save souls out of homosexuality, aside from repentance, they will be given over to a reprobate lifestyle, an abomination to the Lord; Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:26
  - c. At the end of the age as with Lot, God’s people will be socially cut off, hated and surrounded
  - d. Any positions God’s people have in the community will become useless in trying to “negotiate away” the pressure by the forces of evil, regardless of their status or profession
  - e. Before the “Harpazo” God’s people will either sell out or be ostracized and then targeted

6. When Lot closed the door to his house it did not remain closed, but when the angels of the Lord closed the door it did (as with Noah, God shut the door to the Ark); Gen. 7:16; 19:10
7. Angels were dispatched to unleash divine judgment at the time of Lot's rescue and angels will again be sent to unleash divine judgment. In Revelation and in Gen. 19:22, we see that the angels would do nothing until the safety of God's people was secured.

### Lot's Family Members

Jesus warned that families would be divided; Luke 12:51-53, as was the family of Lot

#### 1. Lot's uncle, Abram (Abraham):

- a. Abraham was unselfish; he sought God's Kingdom before he sought a location for himself
- b. He was independent of Lot, but not indifferent to his needs (of intercession and rescue)
- c. He was offered "goods" from the king of Sodom, but took nothing from him; Gen. 14:21-23
- d. Abraham had spiritual vision, he saw what others could not see; his driving motivation was a promise from God; Genesis 13:14-18; 17:15-19; Romans 4:20
- e. Abraham separated from those who could not see beyond the natural; his dwelling became a tent, he lived a "detached" life, following the Lord; Genesis 13:14-18
- f. Abraham surrendered to God's will; he obeyed the Lord and built an "altar" (speaks of sacrifice, surrender and worship), and was willing to offer Isaac; Genesis 22:2-14

#### 2. Lot's wife:

- a. Lot's wife "turned back" and became a pillar of salt; Gen. 19:17, 26
- b. A "pillar" (a memorial column) in biblical imagery, is intended to remind future generations of something of spiritual significance, a pivotal event of what happened there; Luke 17:32
- c. In the Olivet Discourse, Jesus warned us not to "turn back"; Matthew 24:15-18
- d. "if you are on the housetop" do not go in to get your possessions: an obsession with temporal priorities causes us to lose sight of our spiritual destiny
- e. "if you are in the field" (as a laborer in the vineyard), do not return for your "cloak": the cloak is symbolic of a "mantle" in ministry; it can become an idol: where the work of the Lord is more important than the Lord of the work

#### 3. Lot's sons-in-law to be:

- a. These men who were "outside of the house" are like those who profess to be a part of God's family, but are actually out in the world and are quite content to be there
- b. They are out of fellowship with other believers, or are following bad leaders with false doctrine who are oblivious to end-time prophecy and belittling the belief of the "Harpazo"; Hebrews 10:25
- c. Once they are alerted that judgment is about to fall, they think it is a joke; Gen. 19:14; many professing Christians are making fun of the rescue mission instead of being inside the "house" preparing for rescue
- d. They must repent, be reconciled to God, and return to the Father's house; Luke 15:11-32

#### 4. Lot's daughters:

- a. Lot and his two daughters fled to Ramat Zoar; Gen. 19:30; the daughters slept with their father, and through incest (forbidden by God) Lev. 18:6-18, two children were produced:
- b. Moab = the Moabites, who were idolatrous, superstitious, "at ease", proud; Jer. 48:1-29
- c. Ben-ammi = the Ammonites, who were idolaters, cruel, proud and callousness; Zeph. 2:9, 10; Ezek. 25:3-6; 1 Kings 11:7, 33

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