

THE DAYS OF LOT

Luke 17:26-30

A. The Days Of Noah And Lot:

1. Violence and wickedness filled the earth; Genesis 6:11-12; 13:13
2. People were eating, drinking, marrying, buying, selling and building; Luke 17:30
3. God was talking to His friends, covenant people, about that which He was about to do; Gen. 6:9-22; 18:17-33; Amos 3:7; the secret of the Lord is only with them that fear Him; Ps. 25:14
4. God in His mercy, gives an extended period of time for the people to repent; 2 Peter 3:9
5. Both Noah and Lot were mocked by the people; 2 Peter 3:3-4; both were “surrounded” by the wicked; Gen. 6:1-6; 19:4-5
6. Both Noah and Lot were given a warning of coming judgment and destruction:
 - a. With Noah, there was a call to build and enter the “Ark of safety”; a WORLD-WIDE JUDGMENT would destroy the Earth’s inhabitants; Gen. 7:1-16
 - b. With Lot, there was a REGIONAL JUDGMENT, a destruction of Sodom and “Gomorrah” (meaning “to finish”); a society given over to homosexuality as its cultural norm is “finished” morally, spiritually and literally; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:26-27
7. Both Noah and Lot heard an “urgency” to obey the voice of the Lord; Gen. 19:15-16, 22
8. THE RESCUES OF NOAH AND LOT ARE TWO OLD TESTAMENT FORESHADOWS of what is set to transpire prior to and climaxing with the “Harpazo”; 1 Corinthians 10:11
9. Noah and Lot both faced opposition, endured tribulation, but were preserved and supernaturally delivered from the wrath of the Almighty against their persecutors
10. Both Noah and Lot “escaped to the mountain”; Genesis 8:4; 19:17, 30

B. Facts About Lot:

1. Lot was Abram’s (Abraham’s) nephew; Gen. 11:27-31
2. The Hebrew name for LOT means “a veil, covering; to wrap up”; THE VEIL OF FLESH SHROUDED his thinking; Exod. 26:33; Hebrews 10:20
3. Lot traveled with Abram to Canaan and accompanied him to Egypt; Gen. 12:5; 13:1
4. Although the scriptures record that Lot was a “righteous” man, he was living far below his privileges; he was still attached to “Egypt” in his heart; Isaiah 30:1-7
5. Lot brought something else besides “herds and flocks” out of Egypt; he had contracted its spirit, having acquired a taste for “fleshpots”; Exodus 16:3
6. Strife arose between the herdsmen of Abram’s cattle and Lot’s cattle, causing Lot to depart from Abram; Lot took advantage of Abram’s generous proposal; Gen. 13:6-9
7. Steps in the downward course of Lot were as follows:
 - a. Lot lifted up his eyes and beheld (he walked by sight rather than by faith) Gen. 13:10
 - b. Lot chose for himself the plain of Jordan; Gen. 13:11
 - c. Lot separated himself from Abram; Gen. 13:9, 11
 - d. Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain; Gen. 13:11-12
 - e. Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom; Gen. 13:12
 - f. Lot became an official in the city of wickedness; the two angels found Lot sitting in the “gate of Sodom” and were reluctant to enter Lot’s house; Gen. 19:1-3 (compare with Gen. 18:1-15)
8. Lot held a position there but was an “alien” within the community; he tried to appeal to the Sodomites but faced a radical, violent, militant intolerance from them; Gen. 19:6-9
9. Lot was vexed by the wicked; the fertile plain had become a cesspool of perversion; 2 Pet. 2:7

10. Abram was moving toward an altar on the Mount, Gen. 22:2-14, while Lot settled down in a city of the plains and then became a prey to the enemy there; Gen. 13:10-13
11. Lot was delivered from Sodom by Abram during the battle of the kings; Genesis 14:1-16:
 - a. Lot was in danger of losing his life; he was taken as a captive, along with his goods, during this battle; Psalm 14:7
 - b. Abram and his armed servants intervened, pursued the enemies, smote them and brought back Lot along with the women, the people and all their goods; Gen. 14:11-16; 2 Cor. 10:4
 - c. God had given Lot a definite warning, a “wake up call”, but unfortunately, this experience did not teach Lot the evil of being associated with the “world” (Babylon, Egypt, Sodom)
 - d. When he recovered his freedom and his property, LOT RETURNED AGAIN TO SODOM
12. God showed mercy to Lot:
 - a. Lot was delivered from the kings by Abram’s SWORD; Gen. 14:15; Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12
 - b. Lot was delivered from Sodom’s destruction by Abram’s INTERCESSION; Gen. 18:3

C. Lot Suffered Great Loss

1. Lot did not seek first the Kingdom of God nor did he seek the will of God for his life; he made a poor choice concerning his “place of residence” (in a prosperous, but wicked city):
 - a. Lot made his home in a city that was built by man and destroyed by God; Gen. 19:14, 28-29
 - b. In contrast, Abraham looked for a City whose Builder and Maker is God; Heb. 11:10
2. Lot departed from the godly companionship of Abram, his mentor, the one who was walking by faith in obedience to God:
 - a. His spiritual mentor held him accountable and was an example for him; Gen. 13:7-9
 - b. Abram’s “tent” (his pilgrim life) moved as he journeyed with God toward the promise and his “altar” (his dependency on and worship of God) would not be shared with Lot
3. The lust of his eyes caused him to journey toward Sodom and Gomorrah; Lot yielded to the spirit of worldliness, seeking only temporal prosperity; 1 John 2:16
4. Lot was an idolater at heart; 1 John 5:21; the putting away of idolatry involves:
 - a. Walking by faith, in obedience to Almighty God, the Lord Jesus Christ
 - b. Exchanging the life of Babylon for the liberty of Canaan
 - c. Separation from “other altars” of sensual gratification, pagan practices, fleshly addictions, religious rituals
5. There is no record of Lot being associated with an altar to the Lord as with Abram; Gen. 12:7-8; there was no witnessing for God and no blessing of God upon Lot’s family
6. Lot’s testimony lacked “salt and light”; Matt. 5:13-14; he lost his moral influence as a “preservative” in the fallen world; his words carried no weight because of his ways; Gen. 19:14
7. The comfort zones of his past, his natural human tendencies and behavior, hindered him from moving forward in his walk with God; Philippians 3:13
8. Lot was powerless before the people; his sons-in-law and friends were destroyed in Sodom; his wife looked back toward Sodom and she was turned into a pillar of salt; Genesis 19:26
9. The fertile oasis valley, the moral wasteland where he spent his life, was burned; Gen. 19:24
10. Lot’s daughters got him drunk, slept with him, and he became the unwilling father of the Moabites and the Ammonites; Gen. 19:30-38
11. Lot was a just man, 2 Pet. 2:7-8, but he sowed to the flesh and suffered loss; 1 Cor. 3:13-15
12. Lot was saved, snatched as a brand from the burning; Gen. 19:16, 22; Jude 23

