

## Gleanings from the Pentateuch

Two Kingdoms: Two Outcomes  
(Genesis 18-19)

## Sodom & Gomorrah (& Lot)

### Context

- God confirms His “impossible” promise to Abraham and Sarah
- In direct contrast, God discloses His plan for Sodom and Gomorrah

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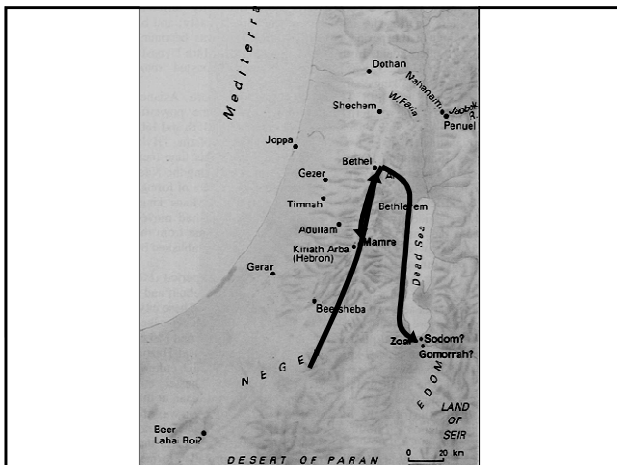
### 1. God’s Disclosure

- *He will not hide His plan from Abraham*
  - this action is inseparable from His promise to Abraham
  - it will be an incentive to Abraham and his seed to keep the way of the Lord

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### 2. Abraham’s Response

- *Background: Chapters 13-14*



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- *He appeals to the justice of God*
  - God will deal justly – He will not condemn the righteous with the wicked
  - To preserve justice, He will even “appear” unjust toward the wicked (longsuffering)

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### 3. Destruction & Deliverance

- *A greater application of justice!*
  - God's justice displayed in regard to the righteous *and the wicked*
  - An abiding illustration that the "Judge of all the earth" will deal justly with every person

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- Genesis 19:1-29 (observations)
  - (1) Sodom's wickedness
    - seen in the whole city's desire for perverse immorality

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- Genesis 19:1-29 (observations)
  - (2) Lot's sons-in-law
    - their "laughter" epitomizes the response of the wicked toward the notion of God's judgment

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- Genesis 19:1-29 (observations)
  - (3) Lot's entanglement
    - his hesitation and plea show his weak character

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- Genesis 19:1-29 (observations)
  - (4) Lot's wife
    - illustration of one who had every means to escape yet turned back

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- Genesis 19:1-29 (observations)
  - (5) "God remembered Abraham"
    - blessing comes through identification with Abraham

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### **Conclusion**

➤ This account is a temporal example of God's final justice

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**2 Peter 2:6-9**

*"...the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment"*

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### **Conclusion**

➤ *"Will the Judge of all the earth deal justly?"* YES!

1. Ensures the final deliverance and blessing of the righteous
2. Ensures the final judgment of the unrighteous