

Genesis 19Anatomy Of A Compromise-d
Life (A Character Study Of Lot)

VI. Lot was the nephew of Abraham. He was part of the family of Abraham. The N.T. refers to him in 2 Peter 2:6, as a righteous man. He belonged to the righteous house of Abraham. 2 Peter 2:9 - Everything that took place in Sodom, bothered Lot. The talk, the language, the sin, the degradation, the idolatry & immorality all disturbed him. As we are about to study Lot did not have to be there.

* Only God could declare this double-minded, carnal believer to be holy & blameless. This is a declaration of God from a strictly eternal perspective, upon one of His children.

Though Lot knew the ~~God~~ Lord, he left a legacy of compromise and inconsistency. He did not have or enjoy an intimate close relationship, with God.

Gen 13:10 - His problems started with his eyes. Eye problems. His flesh lusted after the valley of the Jordan & its richly watered fields. Abraham allowed Lot to choose his territory. (Lust of flesh, lust of eyes & the pride of life. He saw his cattle there. Feared the cattle.

U. 12. He pitched his tent toward Sodom. He wasn't there yet. He stared at Sodom for 24 hrs a day from a distance. The magnetic lust pulled at his very soul. Now he lusted for the action of the city, for himself & his family. He is dwelling in the cities of the valley, inching closer to Sodom. *Compromise is essentially slow & progressive. Feed the flesh.

Genesis 19:1 - The next time we see him, he was seated at the gate hanging out with the Sodomites. At the gate all the cities gossip was exchanged. Sodom (the center of adultery, bestiality, homosexuality, perversion & paganism) Genesis 13:13. Read Psalm 1 - he will with sinners, then stand with sinners, then you end up sitting with sinners.

Instead of being about the Gen's business, we find him idle. Idleness is the devil's workshop. His presence there, sends the message that I am one of you and I approve of your behavior. The man of righteousness, is now an ~~at~~ Unshame'd Sodomite.

He saw

He stared
gazedHe sat
idle in
Sodom.

Genesis 19: Part One.

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V.1 - He gets up to greet the angels, because of his shame in his compromise ~~of~~ with sin.

V.2 - The two angels would not compromise their holiness or their call & would not defile themselves by staying in Lot's house. Lot refused to separate himself & uphold his integrity as did the angels. Learn to fly the opposite way of the ~~world~~ world. The angels avoided this first step of compromise. They knew that the first step would progressively lead to total compromise.

3-8 - The people wanted to sexually violate the two men, as they surrounded the house. They threatened violence.

Lot's lust has now placed himself and his wife & entire family including the two angels, in jeopardy & at risk. His compromise has now led to a ripple effect, & many people are at risk. An initial right decision could have avoided all this.

V.7 - Lot identifies with the Sodomites as brothers. He exchanged spiritual brothers for Sodomite brothers. He is slowly sinking into the same depravity.

V.8 - A glibly father now has to protect his visitors, and insanely offers his two own virgin daughters & presents them for gang rape. His own flesh & blood has become a sacrifice to hold onto his position of eldership in Sodom. A father now pleads with Sodomites asking them to violate his daughters.

V.9 - He came to sojourn. He wound up staying. Sin is deceitful. One leads to another & deeper sin. They told Lot that he was an alien not a citizen. They had to remind him that he was a fish out of water.

V.14 - The angels after smiting the Sodomites with blindness, beseech Lot to tell his family of Sodom's upcoming destruction. It is time to be getting out. Lot persuaded to his family to escape destruction by the angels. But his family mocked & laughed at him because his talk never did match his life. His compromise, rebellion & hardness of heart blind others to the truth of his message. Galatians 6:7 - His message brought ridicule. He appeared to be a clown. He sowed to the flesh, now he is about to reap corruption. He had no respect in his family.

Genesis 19:16

* Part Two - Cont'd.

V.16 Lot lingered & hesitated. His bandage caused him to linger in the den of iniquity. Lot knew that destruction was about to be wiped out. He couldn't get himself to leave, materialism, sexual pleasure & companionship in the city. Though he tried he couldn't obey God. His compromise had reached such epic proportions that it had entangled him to rather laugh & die with sinners than live with saints. His entire household was in jeopardy.

Because of God's compassion the angels had to physically remove Lot & place him, his wife & his two daughters outside the city. ~~His~~ His compromise left him powerless. Yet we still see grace here in the Targum.

Part Two - cont.

V.17 - Two warnings to Lot: ① Don't look back ② Leave the valleys & settle in the mountain. God wanted to give Lot a new start by physically placing him on the mountain with God & end his bandage experience in the valley. Lot wanted to die in Sodom. God's grace forbid that. Thank God that He's not fair. Don't look back. (Phil 3:13-14.) Luke 9:61-62. Lot was told to avoid the other cities in the plain.

V.18-19 - Lot was so backslidden & confused that he actually thought that returning to the mountains with God, was a painful & losing situation. He quickly forgot the joy he had with God before he entered the valley. Satan had told him that instead of finding life in the mountain, he would find death. Lot is very slow to come out of a backslidden state. Dying in Sodom was not a disaster to Lot, but returning to God's mountain glory was the perceived disaster. He was a confused dude. He couldn't even believe the words of angels: Lot was married to the plains instead of married to God. "Lot was an idolater."

Part 3

Gen: 19: V. 20 - Instead of accepting God's perfect will, he settles for God's 2nd best. He bargains with God & asks permission to stay in a small

~~X~~ v. 20 - City or a small or mini-Sodom. His compromise continues. He has not learned his lesson.

v. 21-22 - God's grace allowed Lot to be spared in Zoar. From Hebrew Nahar. Zoar was a place of confusion. Lot felt uncomfortable there. He was ashamed of & afraid of God's presence.

v. 24 - As soon as Lot entered Zoar, the Lord rained, rained down fire from the Lord out of heaven. (~~Visible~~ clearly visible)

part v. 26 - Mrs Lot died last & went to hell. Why? Because she did not see the gospel demonstrated by her husband. She saw no unity or integrity. Lot was the major stumbling block in Mrs Lot's life. This is the natural progression of compromise. God will turn those around you into salt, unless we live like the salt of the earth. His two son-in-laws also perished in Sodom (v. 14). They are conspicuously absent in the exodus account of Lot's family from Sodom. They died last, thanks to Lot. The ripple effect continued. Playing with sin & the world will always tend to death.

v. 30 - From Zoar he fled to a cave. He sinks lower & lower. He was fearful that Zoar was next for judgement. The compromise is a downward spiral, with no release in sight. Often sin & compromise are equally death-dealing. One is immediate the other is gradual. The results are the same.

v. 31 & 32 - The visible compromise of offering his two daughters to the Sodomites for sexual pleasure left a lasting negative imprint on his two surviving daughters. The message they received was that immorality was O.K. Lot's life here in effect destroyed his whole family. This account is the ~~first~~ ^{first} account in scripture of incest. They escaped the destruction of Sodom, but did not escape the compromise of Lot their father. Sex is beautiful. This is an illicit unhealthy brought about by rebellious perversion.

Lot sowed perversity & reaped it back. His daughters had no values. They grew up here, raised in Sodom.

33-36 - A wicked plan to have offspring. Can anyone believe, really

Part Three

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v. 33-36.

believe that Lot was drunk enough not to recognize his daughters? I tend to disbelieve this. He allowed it to happen. His Sodomite lecherous perversity continues to have him in bondage, even in a mountain cave. Didn't Lot agree to drink the wine? His compromise is escalating quickly. His conscience has been seared by a hot iron from

mill. v. 36-38.

Part 5

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Gen 19:

36-38

Conspirator with

Balaam

to

destroy Israel

Close-recap

of Lot.

Grace in Torah
Grace in Torah
Torah Ruth 4:11 Mat. i:5

The ultimate result of compromise, is the birth of Moab & Ammon. The two patriarchs that gave rise to two tribes that produced a dabble in demonism. (Molechite & Ammonite). These two ~~tribes~~ would be a constant thorn in the path of the Jewish people. Institutional Baal worship & Astarte worship. Num 22:4 Numbers 25:1 - Molechite introduced strange women & strange gods to Israel. The Molechite were a cursed people. The Molechite were a source of sexual immorality. (Psalm 83:3-4) Lev 23:30 God forbids Ammonites & Molechite from entering God's people ^{because they are an eternally cursed - forsaken people.} 10 generations of 120 yr. Told No children of Lot born before the cross could enter God's kingdom yrs. That's when Joshua came to break the curse ~~over~~ Moab & Ammon.

Lot's perished children desire Israel's destruction!
① Sodomites perished ② Wife perished ③ Daughters went to hell ④ Ammonite & Molechite went off to hell ⑤ Jews died as a result of Ammonite & Molechite persecution. ⑥ Lot destroyed himself. ⑦ Lot lost all his possessions (cattle). He left Sodom with nothing. ⑧ Sodom in Sodom perished because of Lot. * All as a result of a compromised life. What legacy are we leaving to our children? What foundations shalalah are we laying for Messianic Israel.

He made himself so insignificant that the Bible never even mentions his death. It is naturally assumed that he died broken & humbled by his own stupidity. 2 Peter 2:6 Lot made it to heaven by himself because of God's grace. The problem was he took no one with him. That was brought men's sorrow to others.