

# THE DESTRUCTION OF SODOM— TEMPERANCE LESSON

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Genesis 19 : 12-17, 23-29. Study Genesis 19 : 1-3, 12-29—Memory Verses, 15, 16.

**Golden Text**—Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch no unclean thing.—2 Corinthians 6 : 17.



12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides ? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place :

13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord ; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place ; for the Lord will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here ; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters ; the Lord being merciful unto him ; and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life ; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain ; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zo'ar.

24 Then the Lord rained upon Sod'om and upon Gomor'rah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven ;

25 And he overbrow those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground,

26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

27 And A'braham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the Lord :

28 And he looked toward Sol'om and Gomor'rah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered A'braham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

After Lot and his family had been rescued by Abraham from the four kings who had carried them off they went to live in the heathen city of Sodom. And one evening as Lot sat in the gateway of the city he saw two strangers come walking by. They were two angels, but Lot did not know this, and as all Eastern people are kind to travelers, he invited them into his house. The strangers at first refused, saying they would spend the night in the street ; but Lot persisted and they went with him.

But before they lay down at night some of the wild young men of Sodom came clamoring at Lot's door asking that the mysterious strangers should be delivered up to them. Lot refused, and when the young men tried to break in the door the angels struck the young men with blindness so that they were forced to return home.

Afterwards the angels revealed to Lot who they were. "Have you any other sons or

daughters in the city ?" they asked. "If you have, go and get them and take them out of this wicked place, for the Lord has sent us to destroy it." So Lot hurried out to the houses of the men who had married his daughters and besought them to leave the city before it was destroyed. But his sons-in-law only laughed at him.

So in the morning the angels said, "Take thy wife and thy two daughters who are here and hasten away at once from the city." And as Lot hesitated the angels seized them all by the hands and hurried them out of the gates. "Run for your lives," they cried, "and escape to the mountains lest you be burnt up, and do not once look behind you."

Now there was a little city named Zoar in the plain near Sodom. "Let us go to Zoar," Lot pleaded, "instead of up to those lonely mountains where some evil may befall us." And the Lord was kind to Lot and promised for his sake not to destroy the city of Zoar.