

in case there were fifty just men found in it; to the Lord consented, when Abraham again asked if forty just men would not save it. Again the merciful God consented, and even promised, at Abraham's humble supplication, that if ten just men were to be found in Sodom, he would not destroy it.

Q. Were there ten just men found in the city?

A. No, there were not ten just men found in the whole city of Sodom, and accordingly the Lord sent down fire from heaven to consume it off the face of the earth.

Q. How did Lot escape with his family from the flames of Sodom?

A. Two angels, under the appearance of men, came to Sodom in the evening. Lot seeing them, invited them to enter his house and lodge there over night. This charitable act saved him and his family from the general destruction that came upon the doomed city.

Q. What occurred whilst the angels were in Lot's house?

A. Some of the wicked inhabitants of Sodom came to the house for the purpose of insulting the two strangers. Lot going out to dissuade them from their evil purpose, they began to abuse him, and threatened him with bodily harm, when the angels, taking him by the hand, drew him into the house. At the same time they struck with blindness those that were without, so that they were unable to find the door.

Q. What followed?

A. The angels told Lot that they were sent to destroy