

The Torah Project

Genesis 19

2 Peter 2:6-8

And He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing *them* to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly *lives* thereafter; and *if* He rescued **righteous Lot**, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard **that righteous man**, while living among them, felt **his righteous soul** tormented day after day by *their* lawless deeds)...

Ezekiel 16:49-50

Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy. Thus, they were haughty and committed abominations before Me. Therefore, I removed them when I saw it.

v.10-14

v.15-17

Genesis 13:10

Lot lifted up his eyes and saw **all the plain** of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (*this was before Adonai destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah*) like the garden of Adonai, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar.

v.18-26

Genesis 19:26

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

נְצִיב מֶלַח

(*ne'tziv me-lach*)

Luke 17:32

“Remember Lot’s wife.”

v.27-38

ובקומה

(*uv'kumah*)

“when she arose”

1st Appearance of “Righteousness”

Genesis 15:6

Then he believed in Adonai; and He accounted it to him as **righteousness**.

2nd Appearance of “Righteousness”

Genesis 18:19

For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of Adonai by doing **righteousness** and justice, so that Adonai may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.

Passive Righteousness vs. Active Righteousness

James 2:21-23

Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “*AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS,*” and he was called the friend of God.

Deuteronomy 6:25

It will be **righteousness** for us if we are careful to observe all this commandment before Adonai our God, just as He commanded us.

Habakkuk 2:4

Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him;
But the righteous man, according to his faith he will live.

וצדיק באמונתו יחיה

“Every person in Israel is obligated to be engaged in Torah learning, whether one is poor or wealthy, whether one is whole in body or afflicted with suffering, whether one is young or one is old and feeble, even a poor person who is supported by charity and goes from door to door seeking benevolence, even the man supporting his wife and children – everyone is required to find a set time during the day and the night to study Torah, as it was said, ‘you shall go over it, again and again, day and night’ (Joshua 1:8).”

∞ Moses Maimonides, *Mishnah Torah* 1.8

1. Radical call to a mentoring relationship

"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple." (Luke 14:26)

"Although a man's father brings him into the world, his teacher who instructs him in God's wisdom from the Torah brings him into the World to Come."

∞ *m. Bava Metzia 2.11*

2. Demanded obedience

"Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock." (Matt. 7:24)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you..." (Matt. 28:19-20)

3. Learned by observation. Expected to conduct themselves like their rabbi.

And he appointed twelve ... so that they might be with Him and He might send them out to proclaim. (Mark 3:14)

“Any Christian that tells me he is a disciple of Jesus but does not read the four Gospels at least once a month is a liar.”

∞ Dr. David Flusser

Who are you?
And why are you here?