

God Destroys Sodom

1. Carefully read through Genesis 18-20. Highlight with different colors all of the words spoken by different people. Mark in yellow everywhere the name of God is used. Mark in green everywhere a place is named. Mark in blue everywhere a person is named. Circle, underline, or color any repeated phrases. What patterns do you notice?
2. Memorize Genesis 18:14, "Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."
3. Create your own detailed outline of Genesis 18-20.
4. Who are the men that visit Abraham? How do you know? What can we learn from Abraham's response?
5. Why are the men interested in Sarah? What can we learn from Sarah's response?

6. Why does God reveal what he is about to do to Abraham? Why is God going down to Sodom?

7. What do the men of Sodom want to do to the visitors? Was a lack of hospitality their only sin? How do you know?

8. How is the account of the destruction of Sodom similar to the account of the destruction of the world in the flood?

9. Why does sexual morality matter to God? Why should it matter to us? (20:3)

10. What false assumption does Abraham make about the people of Gerar? How does that false assumption lead to sin? Can we make the same mistake?

11. Critics of the Bible argue that the story in chapters 12, 20, and 26 was mistakenly repeated by a careless ancient editor of Genesis. Why does Abraham say these events keep happening?