

Lot's Wife —
Don't look back

Reason for this study

“What does Luke 17:32 mean?”

(Remember Lot's wife)

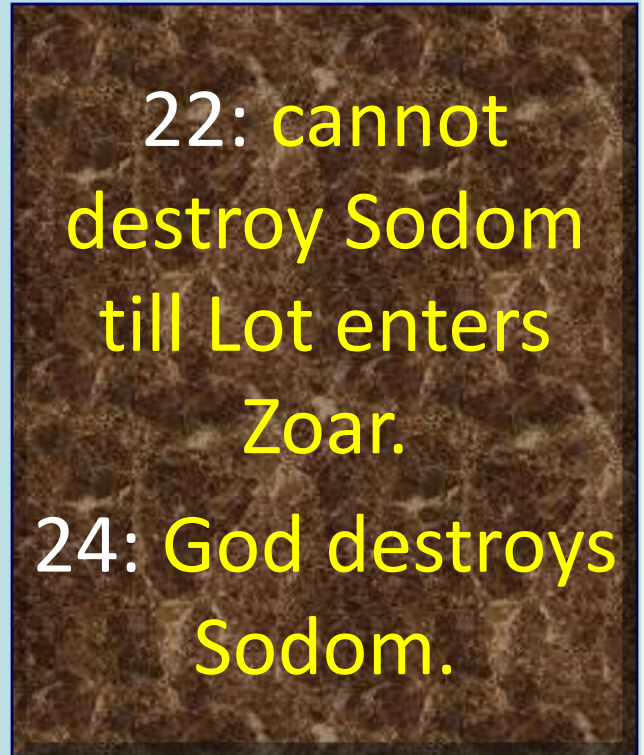
- Many heroic women:
 - Deborah, Ruth, Hannah, Mary, Elizabeth, Dorcas, Priscilla...
- Many evil women:
 - Jezebel, Athaliah, Ex.32; Prov.7; Mk.6

I. Long Journey (Gn.19)

From Sodom to Zoar . . .

From Sin to Safety . . .

- Sodom's aggravated sins, 19:4-11. Ps.9:17
- Grace, 12-23
 - 13-14, joking? [13:10-13]
 - 15-16, lingered
 - 17-19, presumed
 - 20-22, ignored
 - 23, taken for granted
- Wrath, 25-26. Sin destroys nations, individuals



22: cannot
destroy Sodom
till Lot enters
Zoar.

24: God destroys
Sodom.

I. Long Journey (Gn.19)

II. Lessons From Lot's Wife
(Gn.19)

1. She was righteous

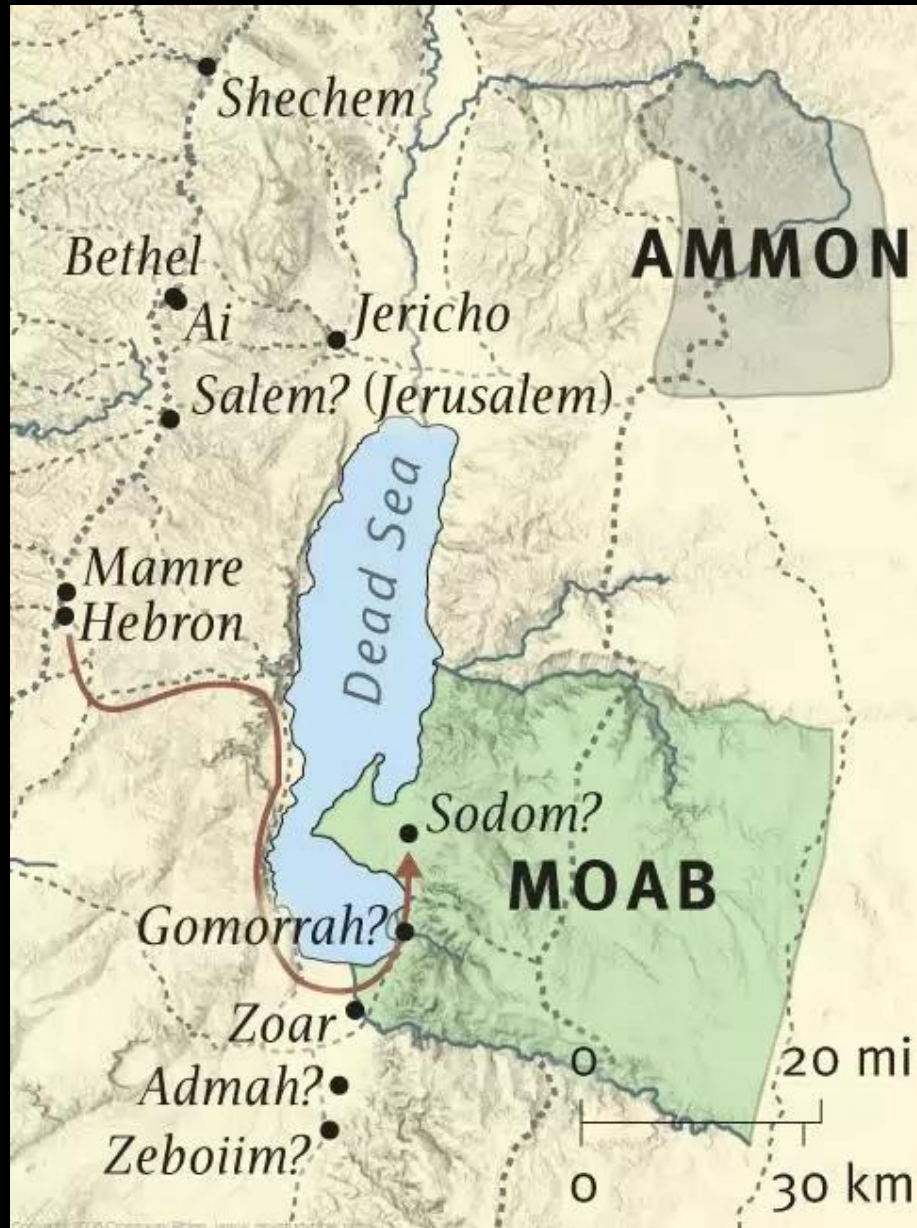
- Allowed to escape destruction of Sodom
- Lk.17:32, *remember Lot's wife*
- Jesus speaks to disciples (righteous)
 - 26-27, days of Noah
 - 28-30, days of Lot
 - 31, Rome, Jerusalem (21:20)
 - 32-33, Mrs. Lot –

We face
same
choices:
2 Pt.2:18...

Valued material
things over spiritual

Held to life;
lost everything

2. She was in / near Zoar



Lot's intercession
saved Zoar from
the destruction
that fell on Sodom
and Gomorrah
– Gn.19:20-23

2. She was in / near Zoar

Why did she fall?

1) Financial love. Gn.13:10-11. Mt.16:24-26

Worldly possessions fail, break, wear out, get used up, etc. Car, house, clothes.

One day you realize that you also fail, wear out, get used up.

You will leave everything you own to others.

2. She was in / near Zoar

1. Financial love

2. False love

She looked...longed...lingered...lost

Don't put weight on world. 1 Co.7:29-31

Worried about lost
possessions / family /
then lost ALL

World meant more
than God and
salvation? Lk.12

"I was baptized..." Ac.26:28

Must choose Christ or _____?

2. She was in / near Zoar

1. Financial love
2. False love
3. Faded love

Rv.2⁴ Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent

2. She was in / near Zoar

1. False love. Mt.16:24-26
2. Fatal love. 1 Co.7:29-31
3. Faded love. Rv.2:4-5

4. Family love

Samson

David

Solomon

Gn.19:30-38

Q: Where did Lot's daughters learn that immorality may save lives?

A: Lot, Gn.19:8

1. She was righteous
2. She was near Zoar

3. She enjoyed every advantage

1. Owned no Bible

2. Heard no preaching

3. No local church

- Special knowledge of God was confined to few favored families
- Most lived in sin, ignorance...
- Mrs. Lot had clear knowledge of God

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She died . . .

1. In best influences
2. In best company (Hb.13:2)
3. On best way (God's way out)
4. Because of something 'trivial'
5. Despite plain orders (17)
6. Despite clearest warnings (17): escape for your life!

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She belongs to large host . . .

- Joab – David's captain
- Gehazi – Elisha's servant
- Judas – Lord's disciple
- Demas – Paul's companion

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4. God's word is firm; His warnings imply real danger

- Ro.11:22, goodness and severity
- Lk.21:34-36, keep an eye on yourself
- 2 Pt.2:7-9, remember Lot
 - Lot proves God's power to deliver
 - Mrs. Lot proves God's power to judge
 - To us – Day of Judgment. Lk.16
 - Do not quit. Lk.9:62