

## **Sodom and Gomorrah**

Genesis 19:1-26

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In the evening two men arrived in Sodom. Lot encountered them near the city gate. He took them home and fed them. But throughout the evening, the men of Sodom, young and old, gathered outside Lot's house. Then they started shouting, "Where are your visitors? Send them out to us, so that we can have sex with them!"

Lot stepped outside and said, "Friends, please don't do this wicked thing! These are guests in my home. I am responsible for their safety. But look, I have two daughters who are still virgins. Let me bring them out to you, and you may do with them as you wish."

The mob threatened Lot and pressed forward intending to break down the door. But the two men, who were actually angels, reached out their hands and brought Lot safely back inside the house. Then they struck blind everyone in the crowd so that none of them was able to even find the door.

The angels told Lot, "The Lord is going to destroy the city. Take your family and anyone else who is important to you and leave."

Lot tried to convince some others of their danger, but they laughed at him. They thought he was joking.

As the new day was approaching the angels took Lot and his wife and his two daughters by the hand and dragged them out of the city saying, "Run for your lives! And don't look back."

As they ran Lot's wife looked back and was instantly turned into a pillar of salt.

As soon as Lot was safely away, the Lord caused burning sulfur to rain down on Sodom and Gomorrah, destroying the cities and everyone who lived in them.