

## Abraham - Lot & the Destruction of Sodom pt.2

The 2 Messengers from God represent 2 messages given to Gods people and the attempt of the enemy of man to destroy those messages

Lots story is similar to the story in Judges 19:24. Lot's daughters are spared this fate, however, and escape with their father before Sodom is destroyed. However they fall into the basest of all sins showing that the stay in Sodom affected them in the most terrible ways.

A clue to the story can be seen in the message to the church of Philadelphia. Revelation 3:7-13

- **2 Door Closings:** v.7 He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth v.8 I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it
- **A shaking that will sift out the tares and expose them for what they are.** V.9 I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not
- **The Mark of the Beast (Worldwide Sunday Law)** <sup>10</sup>Because thou hast kept the **word of my patience**, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.
- **The sealing is threefold**
  1. **Write on Him the name of My God**
  2. **The Holy City New Jerusalem (Peace)**
  3. **My New Name (Jesus New Name)**

V.12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Many of the waymarks in the message to Philadelphia can be seen in the story of Lot and the destruction of Sodom.

**The two Angels represent the first 2 of the three Angles messages. The first two messages prepare the believer to experience the third message. The 2 Virgin daughters represent those who have an experience in the first two messages.**

The two Angels also represent the Angel of Revelation 18 and is a repetition of the second angels message it is preceded by the 1st and joined by the 3<sup>rd</sup> message of Judgment. This is a final warning message that comes right before the close of probation first to the church and then goes to the world.

Genesis 19

<sup>1</sup>And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

**The Angels come at even right before it is night the night comes which no man can work.**

John 9:4 – The night is the close of probation

<sup>4</sup>I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Isaiah 21:11 – The night is the close of probation

<sup>11</sup>The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

<sup>2</sup>And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

<sup>3</sup>And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

**At the Sunday Law Gods people are surrounded this begins a progressive movement to desolation and destruction. The effect of this is to purify all the tares out of the church and leave only the wheat. In this story we will see the majority shaken out. Lots wife turns to a pillar of salt and Lots two daughters are found in the end drinking wine and unlawful fornication.**

**Jeremiah 1:15**

<sup>15</sup>For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.

Now back to our story . . .

<sup>4</sup>But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, **compassed the house round**, both old and young, **all the people from every quarter:**

**The enemies of the Lord first attempt is to corrupt and destroy the two messages**

<sup>5</sup>And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

**Lot goes through the 1<sup>st</sup> door and the door closes. This is before the 2<sup>nd</sup> closing of the door that is accomplished by the 2 Angles**

<sup>6</sup>And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

## Revelation Eighteen

“Many who heard the first and second angels’ messages thought they would live to see Christ coming in the clouds of heaven. Had all who claimed to believe the truth acted their part as wise virgins, the message would ere this have been proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. But five were wise and five were foolish. The truth should have been proclaimed by the ten virgins, but only five had made the provision essential to join that company who walked in the light that had come to them. The third angel’s message was needed. This proclamation was to be made. Many who went forth to meet the Bridegroom under the messages of the first and second angels, refused the third angel’s message, the last testing message to be given to the world. “A similar work will be accomplished when that other angel, represented in Revelation 18, gives his message. The first, second, and third angels’ messages will need to be repeated. The call will be given to the church, [Revelation 18:2–5 quoted].” Manuscript Releases, volume 16, 269–270.

## The First And Second Messages

“God has given the messages of Revelation 14 their place in the line of prophecy, and their work is not to cease till the close of this earth’s history. The first and second angel’s messages are still truth for this time, and are to run parallel with this which follows. The third angel proclaims his warning with a loud voice. ‘After these things,’ said John, ‘I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory.’ In this illumination, the light of all the three messages is combined.” The 1888 Materials, 804.

### **Lot attempts to give the 1<sup>st</sup> Angels message of repentance to the mob and is rejected**

<sup>7</sup>And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

**Lot becomes a type of Satan here in that since he can’t destroy the messages so he goes directly to those having an experience in the messages. He attempts to corrupt the 2 virgins (these represent those who have an experience in the 2 messages). Through unlawful fornication that will ultimately lead to their spiritual death and remove their ability to experience the sanctifying power of the two messages.**

<sup>8</sup>Behold now, **I have two daughters which have not known man**; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

**Abraham is represented as the true intercessor in the previous chapter and this helps to unlock the secret of Lots failure. Our story opens with Lot being found at the gate of the city filling the role as Judge. This idea is alluded to in this next verse. This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. A judgmental attitude will never win over those locked in the bondage of sin. Only the power of God as the believer is filled with His love and grace.**

<sup>9</sup>And they said, Stand back. And they said again, **This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge:** now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.

This was a judgment hour message the mob pointed out and they rejected it. The judgment hour message comes right before the closed door. The judgment hour message can also be illustrated as a closed door message.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> closed door message arrives and the two Angels pull Lot in and the door closes. The two Angels become a symbol of the 1840-44 and Daniel 11:40-45 three step experience that is sweet as honey through eating the little book.**

<sup>10</sup>But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

**There is a shut door spelling out their doom & they are struck with blindness.....**

**After the 2<sup>nd</sup> door closes the 2 Angels power is exerted, the mob is struck with blindness (restrained) and attempt to find the door but like the foolish virgins who refuse the oil they weary themselves and only meet with failure their probation is closed.**

<sup>11</sup>And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Message arrives in great power as Lot is told to go out and give a message of soon coming Judgment and destruction but the message is taken lightly and only a small remnant come out.**

<sup>12</sup>And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:

**Cry mentioned the 3<sup>rd</sup> time**

<sup>13</sup>For we will destroy this place, because the **cry** of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

Lot goes out to give the judgment message to Gods people that impending destruction is heading their way. But Lot seems as one who is mad the majority reject the message to their eternal doom.

<sup>14</sup>And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

**Lot lingers and causes his wife's death. Lot his daughters and wife (3 and 1) is hurried out by the 2 Angles while the cities of the plain are made ready for destruction. Remember Daniel 11:40-45 After exiting the second door there is a falling away from Lot first the wife then Lots 2 daughters and the whole story in Revelation is confirmed as we see the 2 virgins partake of wine unlawful fornication and Lot unaware is the only one mentioned in the scriptures as being righteous.**

<sup>15</sup>And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

### **The Loud Cry**

I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven, descending to the earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfillment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which attended this angel penetrated everywhere, as he cried mightily, with a strong voice, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844. The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel's message as it swells to a loud cry. And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, which they are soon to meet. **I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united to fearlessly proclaim the third angel's message.** {EW 277.1}

Angels were sent to aid the mighty angel from heaven, and I heard voices which seemed to sound everywhere, "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, joining it as the midnight cry joined the second angel's message in 1844. The glory of God rested upon the patient, waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn warning, proclaiming the fall of Babylon and calling upon God's people to come out of her that they might escape her fearful doom. {EW 277.2}

**The light that was shed upon the waiting ones penetrated everywhere**, and those in the churches who had any light, who had not heard and rejected the three messages, obeyed the call and left the fallen churches. Many had come to years of accountability since these messages had been given, and the light shone upon them, and they were privileged to choose life or death. Some chose life and took their stand with those who were looking for their Lord and keeping all His commandments. The third message was to do its work; all were to be tested upon it, and the precious ones were to be called out from the religious bodies. A compelling power moved the honest, while the manifestation of the power of God brought a fear and restraint upon their unbelieving relatives and friends so that they dared not, neither had they the power to, hinder those who felt the

work of the Spirit of God upon them. The last call was carried even to the poor slaves, and the pious among them poured forth their songs of rapturous joy at the prospect of their happy deliverance. Their masters could not check them; fear and astonishment kept them silent. Mighty miracles were wrought, the sick were healed, and signs and wonders followed the believers. God was in the work, and every saint, fearless of consequences, followed the convictions of his own conscience and united with those who were keeping all the commandments of God; and with power they sounded abroad the third message. I saw that **this message will close with power and strength far exceeding the midnight cry.** {EW 278.1}

Servants of God, endowed with power from on high with their faces lighted up, and shining with holy consecration, went forth to proclaim the message from heaven. **Souls that were scattered all through the religious bodies answered to the call, and the precious were hurried out of the doomed churches, as Lot was hurried out of Sodom before her destruction.** God's people were strengthened by the excellent glory which rested upon them in rich abundance and prepared them to endure the hour of temptation. I heard everywhere a multitude of voices saying, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." {EW 278.2}

#### **4 hands grabbed by the Angels signal the downfall of the Cities of the plain...**

<sup>16</sup>And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

So the two angels grab the four hands and pull Lot and his family out of Sodom. Here a three and one combination comes into view with Lots wife and two daughters and Lot being the fourth. One symbol illustrated in this three and one combination is a civilization coming down. We see a shaking with Lots wife getting turned into a pillar of salt. Lot represents the 144,000 and Lots two daughters are a symbol of Edom, Moab and Ammon coming out before swift destruction (Daniel 11:40).

**Lot is told to escape to the glorious Holy Mountain. But he doesn't want to and stops to negotiate a better deal.**

**Do not look back ...Out of her my people and be ye not partakers of her sins... escape to the Glorious Holy Mountain** (Daniel 11:45)

<sup>17</sup>And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; **look not behind thee**, neither stay thou in all the plain; **escape to the mountain**, lest thou be consumed.

<sup>18</sup>And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my LORD:

<sup>19</sup>Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

<sup>20</sup>Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

<sup>21</sup>And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

<sup>22</sup>Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

<sup>23</sup>The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

<sup>24</sup>Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

<sup>25</sup>And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

**If the salt loose its savor where shall it be salted it is good for nothing but to be cast out of the house and trodden under the feet of men.**

<sup>26</sup>But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

**This three and one combination is amongst the first links in the prophetic chain that affected many generations to follow.**

The wife of Lot was a selfish, irreligious woman, and her influence was exerted to separate her husband from Abraham. But for her, Lot would not have remained in Sodom, deprived of the counsel of the wise, God-fearing patriarch. The influence of his wife and the associations of that wicked city would have led him to apostatize from God had it not been for the faithful instruction he had early received from Abraham. The marriage of Lot and his choice of Sodom for a home were **the first links in a chain of events fraught with evil to the world for many generations.** {PP 174.2}

God has shown me that He gave His people a bitter cup to drink, to purify and cleanse them. It is a bitter draught, and they can make it still more bitter by murmuring, complaining, and repining. But those who receive it thus must have another draught, for the first does not have its designed effect upon the heart. And if the second does not effect the work, then they must have another, and another, until it does have its designed effect, or they will be left filthy, impure in heart. I saw that this bitter cup can be sweetened by patience, endurance, and prayer, and that it will have its designed effect upon the hearts of those who thus receive it, and God will be honored and glorified. It is no small thing to be a Christian and to be owned and approved of God. The Lord has shown me some who profess the present truth, whose lives do not correspond with their

profession. They have the standard of piety altogether too low, and they come far short of Bible holiness. Some engage in vain and unbecoming conversation, and others give way to the risings of self. We must not expect to please ourselves, live and act like the world, have its pleasures, and enjoy the company of those who are of the world, and reign with Christ in glory. {EW 47.1}

We must be partakers of Christ's sufferings here if we would share in His glory hereafter. If we seek our own interest, how we can best please ourselves, instead of seeking to please God and advance His precious, suffering cause, we shall dishonor God and the holy cause we profess to love. We have but a little space of time left in which to work for God. Nothing should be too dear to sacrifice for the salvation of the scattered and torn flock of Jesus. Those who make a covenant with God by sacrifice now will soon be gathered home to share a rich reward and possess the new kingdom forever and ever.

<sup>27</sup>And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:

<sup>28</sup>And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

<sup>29</sup>And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

**Zoar was soon destroyed as well as the other cities.**

<sup>30</sup>And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; **for he feared to dwell in Zoar:** and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

**Remember these women were virgins in the previous story. Here is depicted the final falling away of the foolish virgins and is a type of those who are finally shaken out at the mark of the beast Sunday Law test. This test comes to the church first and is an instrument in Gods hand to purify the church so He can pour out His spirit and bring the nations to the Glorious Holy Mountain. . .**

<sup>31</sup>And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

**Notice the wine and unlawful fornication just like modern Babylon. The unlawful fornication is the merging of Church and State and will be met with the swift judgment and drinking of the wine of God's wrath. There are two different drinking of wine in this story and the book of Revelation as well.**

Revelation 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Revelation 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

This verse states that the Kings of the earth and the whore join and the inhabitants of earth are made drunk. What else makes them drunk? During this time period of the merging of church and state by creating a Sunday law creates persecution for Gods people.

17:6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

Revelation 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 17:2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

**These offspring became bitter enemies of Gods people. They were out to get them through Baalak and Baalam when they couldn't curse Gods people they led them into sin instead. Such has been the practice of Satan from the beginning of time.**

<sup>32</sup>Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

<sup>33</sup>And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

<sup>34</sup>And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

<sup>35</sup>And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

<sup>36</sup>Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

<sup>37</sup>And the first born bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

<sup>38</sup>And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.