

## **Genesis**

### **Chapter Eighteen**

- Birth of Isaac Promised
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## Birth of Isaac Promised Verses 1-21

### Verses 1-8

“And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup> and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup> while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.”

Abraham is the only person in Scripture to directly be called a friend of God (2 Chronicles 20:7, Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23). Friends share in fellowship. Biblical friendship involves ministry.

### Act 13:1-2

“Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. <sup>2</sup> While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “**Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.**” <sup>3</sup> Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.”

### Colossians 3:23-24

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. **You are serving the Lord Christ.**”

Abraham was taking his daily afternoon rest, “*in the heat of the day*”, when he saw three visitors approaching his encampment outside Hebron. Travelers rarely traveled in the heat of the day. Abraham quickly realized these were not normal travelers or visitors and he immediately greeted them. (When God is the subject, the word for bowed is ‘worship’). Abraham was wealthy and had over 300 servants (14:14), who could have provided proper hospitality but Abraham served his visitors personally. He served them generously and offered his best. This is the only place in Scripture, before His incarnation, the Lord Jesus eats a meal with a human. Abraham being the only old testament man to dine with the Lord. This is an intimate setting of fellowship. Someday all believers will enjoy this level of intimacy and fellowship with our Lord!

With humility he bowed to his guests. As his guests ate, Abraham stood ready to serve them further. He also enlisted others to serve, Sarah baked bread, (three seahs of fine flour is six gallons), a young servant prepared the meat, another servant would have been charged with serving the butter and the milk. Godly leaders inspire others to serve the Lord. Abraham’s

humility, generous heart and attention to detail serves as a wonderful example as to how we are to serve Jesus! Hospitality is still a requirement for Christian ministry.

**Romans 12:13**

*“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”*

**1 Peter 4:9**

*“Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.”*

**1 Timothy 3:2 (Titus 1:8)**

*“Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife,<sup>[b]</sup> sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach”*

**Verses 9-15**

**“They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup> The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup> 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.” <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”**

Abraham ministered with his wife (1 Peter 3:1-7, Romans 4:18-21). A husband who serves the Lord will minister to and with his wife. The husband is to be a source of blessing. Abraham and Sarah’s hospitality ended with them receiving an announcement, which was partially the purpose in the visitors coming.

Abraham’s mind must have raced back to a year earlier **Genesis 17:21-22**, *“But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year.” <sup>22</sup> When he had finished speaking with Abraham, God went up from him.”*

Sarah’s response of laughter wasn’t humor, but doubt. It wasn’t an outburst; she ‘laughed to herself’. She was stationed behind the Lord, His back would have been what she saw, however the Lord saw deep into her, knowing what she thought. Years later King David would explain this reality.

**Psalms 139:2-4**

*“You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. <sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.”*

The New Testament also acknowledges God’s omniscience in 1 John 3:20 and Hebrews 4:13. Unbelief of anything the Lord says is a serious issue. Is there anything impossible for the Lord? No!

**Job 42:2**

*“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.”*

**Jeremiah 32:17**

*“Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.”*

**Jeremiah 32:27**

*“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?”*

**Luke 1:37**

*“For nothing will be impossible with God.”*

**Ephesians 3:20-21**

*“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”*

When God makes a promise, you can be sure of it - **2 Timothy 2:13**

*“if we are faithless, he remains faithful”*

**Verses 16-19**

**“Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. <sup>17</sup> The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup> seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup> For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”**

After dining with the Lord, Abraham walked with Him. Extending further hospitality, Abraham escorted his guests as they departed from the afternoon meal. Those who lived in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah had no idea that these three men were all that stood between them and complete destruction. The modern-day believer should know God’s word well enough to know what is to come. The day and the hour are not important nor should it be the focus; the coming event is. Because Abraham sought out God, he learned what was coming to Sodom and Gomorrah before the inhabitants did. Abraham also knew the reason destruction was coming. As much as Abraham pleaded with the Lord, he could not stop God’s hand of judgment from coming upon the rebellious and the wicked.

**James 4:8**

*“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”*

**Verses 20-21**

**“Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup> I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”**

The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were wicked (13:13). Not only due to the perverse sexual sins but because of the ‘outcry’ of the people. The word ‘outcry’ denotes an oppression carried out against the people, especially the widow and orphaned (Exodus 22:22-24). Years later Ezekiel confirms this mistreatment.

#### **Ezekiel 16:49-50**

*“Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. <sup>50</sup> They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore I did away with them as you have seen.”*

The men did not try to hide their sin (Isaiah 3:9), nor did they repent of it (Jeremiah 23:24). The destruction that came upon Sodom and Gomorrah is used as an example of God’s righteous judgment on sinners, (Isaiah 1:9, 3:9, Lamentations 4:6, Zephaniah 2:9, 2 Peter 2:6) which is a warning Jesus used.

#### **Luke 17:28-31**

*“Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, <sup>29</sup> but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— <sup>30</sup> so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. <sup>31</sup> On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back.”*

### **Abraham Intercedes for Sodom Verses 22-33**

#### **Verses 22-26**

**“So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” <sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”**

Like Moses, Samuel, Elijah, Jeremiah and Jesus Himself (Romans 8:34), Abraham was an intercessor. One way we can be ‘like’ Jesus is to pray for and on behalf of others.

Two questions arise from this interaction. First, why would Abraham want the wicked to be saved and second, why would God want the wicked to be punished?

#### **2 Peter 3:9**

*“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”*

#### **1 Timothy 2:3-4**

*“...in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*

#### **Ezekiel 33:11**

*“Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?”*

The answer is found in **Romans 6:23**; *“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

#### **Verses 27-33**

**“Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” <sup>30</sup> Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” <sup>31</sup> He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” <sup>32</sup> Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” <sup>33</sup> And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.”**

Abraham did not ‘argue’ with the Lord; he was respectful and humble. He also believed there to be at least ten righteous within the city walls. Sadly, there was not.

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### **Chapter Nineteen**

- God Rescues Lot
- God Destroys Sodom
- Lot and His Daughters

## God Rescues Lot Verses 1-22

### Verses 1-2

**“The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth <sup>2</sup> and said, “My lords, please turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way.” They said, “No; we will spend the night in the town square. But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.”**

After his time of intercession with the Lord and about the time Abraham would have returned to his tent, the two angels would have been arriving in Sodom. He would have tried to go to sleep that night having the knowledge of God’s plan for these wicked cities. One may wonder how much Abraham wrestled with the question he asked of the Lord earlier that evening, *“Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”* (18:25)

Abraham was a friend of God and Lot was a friend of the world. The contrast of these two men will be easy to recognize. After Genesis 19, Lot is removed from Scripture whereas Abraham’s story continues on. Sadly, Lot’s actions carry on but not in a way that is pleasing to the Lord.

### **James 4:4**

*“You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”*

When these visitors came,

- Abraham was in his tent; Lot is in the city gates.
- It was afternoon when the visitors came to Abraham; it was evening when they came to Lot (1 John 1:5-10).
- Only the two angels came to visit Lot because God could not fellowship with him or his family, as He did with Abraham.
- Abraham was a pilgrim, passing through; Lot had settled in, first watching Sodom (13:12), then moving into the city (14:12) and finally taking a place in the gates of the city (19:1). The city gates were where the leaders of the city would gather for leisure, or to discuss legal or political matters (Ruth 4).
- Lot did not show his guests the same level of hospitality nor did he express a servant’s heart as Abraham did.
- The Lord’s message to Abraham was one of joy and hope, whereas the message to Lot was not.
- Because of his worldliness, Lot had little if any spiritual influence over his family. His married daughters and their husbands laughed at him and refused to leave the city. His wife enjoyed Sodom so much she had to look back. In the cave, his unmarried daughters committed sin with him.

- Earlier, God had allowed Abraham to rescue Lot, freeing him from imprisonment. Yet Lot chooses to go right back into Sodom, a decision which caused him to lose everything in its destruction.

Does God sometimes place godly people in ungodly surroundings? Yes, He did with Joseph in Egypt, Daniel in Babylon and Esther in Persia. The difference between those faithful Bible examples and Lot is their hearts. Those three mentioned desired to serve God in any and all circumstances, whereas Lot's heart was in Sodom even before he physically lived there. It seemed Lot's heart for the world was exposed while in Egypt whereas Abraham's heart was still focused on God.

### **Genesis 13:10**

*“And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, **like the land of Egypt**, in the direction of Zoar.”*

#### **Verses 4-5**

**“But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. <sup>5</sup> And they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.”**

**2 Peter 2:7-8** does help us connect with Lot as Peter fills in some of the blanks, explaining three times that Lot was righteous and worn down; *“if he rescued **righteous** Lot, **greatly distressed** by the sensual conduct of the wicked <sup>8</sup> (for as that **righteous** man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his **righteous** soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); <sup>9</sup> then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trial.”*

The challenge and call for all believers is to separate themselves from the lust and materialism of the world not to allow that worldly darkness to invade their hearts or lives. Lot was not completely successful with that commission. However, he was bothered by the ungodly behavior of his fellow citizens. Verse 2 reveals that Lot *“pressed his visitors to stay inside and NOT to spend the night in the city square”*. With that reaction, one could think that Lot was well aware of the sinful, ungodly activity which took place routinely at night in and around the city square. Lot may not have had the character or commitment that his uncle Abraham possessed, but he did have a knowledge of God. His weakness of the allure and materialism of Sodom was a temptation he did not overcome. His daughters were engaged to pagan Sodomites and the very next evening he would lie in a drunken stupor as he yields to Sodom like sin.

#### **Verses 6-9**

**“Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, <sup>7</sup> and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. <sup>8</sup> Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof. But they said, “Stand back!” And they said, “This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down.”**

The sinfulness of the city may not have been a major issue for Lot UNTIL it arrived at his front door. The acceptance of sin had become so deep that it seemed to be as if these men had a

constitutional right to behave any way they wished regardless of how and if it affected anyone else. That is the perfect definition of depravity! Obviously, Lot's effort to save these men from this enraged mob and his willingness to place hospitality above the sacredness of his own family requires some explanation. Was Lot really willing to offer up his own daughters to be abused and degraded? Some believe, and this is only speculation, that because his daughters were virgins, if anyone were to sexually assault them any offender would be known and the penalty for such action is the death penalty. So, did Lot feel comfortable that his daughters would not be abused and degraded? All just speculation but somehow such reasoning fits in with the depraved thinking of Sodom.

#### Verses 10-15

**“But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. <sup>11</sup> And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door. <sup>12</sup> Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place. <sup>13</sup> For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.” <sup>14</sup> So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, “Up! Get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city.” But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting. <sup>15</sup> As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city.”**

The Lord knows how to handle the enemy. The angels responded to both the mob and Lot. They reached out and forced Lot back inside the house and they blinded the mob as they delivered Lot from their hands. It may be hard to imagine, but even in their blindness they did not relent. They still tried in vain to search for the door. If there was any doubt about there being no one found righteous in Sodom, those doubts would be erased on that doorstep.

In an act of compassion, they offered to let Lot bring anyone out of the doomed city before destruction fell upon it. The angels' act of compassion was reduced to only Lot's married daughters and his sons-in-law. We are not told of any other in this city that Lot thought was righteous enough to warn or to offer escape. Lot's words of warning were not taken seriously, in fact they were rebuked.

#### Verses 16-19

**“But he lingered. So, the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. <sup>17</sup> And as they brought them out, one said, “Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away.” <sup>18</sup> And Lot said to them, “Oh, no, my lords. <sup>19</sup> Behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life. But I cannot escape to the hills, lest the disaster overtake me and I die.”**

Just as ours is, Lot's deliverance was completely due to God's grace. As Sodom's last night came to an end and daybreak began to appear, this city's judgment was sealed but it would

not be fulfilled until Lot and his family were safely away, again a picture of God’s mercy and grace.

A picture of a new day is common terminology for salvation,

**Isaiah 9:2**

*“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.”*

**Malachi 4:1-3**

*“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. <sup>2</sup> But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. <sup>3</sup> Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty.”*

**Luke 1:78**

*“because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven.”*

**Verses 20-22**

**“Behold, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there—is it not a little one?—and my life will be saved!” <sup>21</sup> He said to him, “Behold, I grant you this favor also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken. <sup>22</sup> Escape there quickly, for I can do nothing till you arrive there.” Therefore, the name of the city was called Zoar.”**

Lot headed for the smallest of the five cities destroyed by God’s hand. Zoar, which means “*small*”, was spared because Lot was there. This small city was saved because one righteous man was in it. God answered Abraham’s intercession from the day before by preserving this city.

**God Destroys Sodom**

**Verses 23-29**

**Verses 23-26**

**“The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. <sup>24</sup> Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the Lord out of heaven. <sup>25</sup> And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. <sup>26</sup> But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.”**

To this day, the remains of the southern region of the Dead Sea stand as a warning against the type of behavior God cannot and will not tolerate. Scripture confirms it was the Lord who rained sulfur and fire from heaven down upon these wicked cities. This was done at the Lord’s directive and by the Lord’s hand.

Why did Lot's wife turn back and look when she was warned not to? One can only speculate. Was it out of curiosity? Was she distraught over the city and her lost possessions? Did she desire to see what she could go back to? Obviously, there is no way to have an answer to these questions however there is a lesson to be learned. No matter how great the temptation becomes do not turn back to your old life or to your old ways of living.

### **2 Corinthians 5:17**

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."*

An angel of the Lord grabbed her hand, pointed her to safety and charged her not to look back. Yet that wasn't enough. Someday the Lord Jesus will return and when that day comes believers are charged with looking forward, not back. Jesus used this decision as a warning for all,

### **Luke 17:31-32**

*"**On that day** no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. <sup>32</sup> **Remember Lot's wife!**"*

### **Verses 27-30**

**"And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD. <sup>28</sup> And he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the valley, and he looked and, behold, the smoke of the land went up like the smoke of a furnace. <sup>29</sup> So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had lived."**

The narrative returns back to Abraham. This man of God returns to see the aftermath of what the Lord said He was going to do. If you put yourself into Abraham's shoes, what he was witnessing was a glimpse of what hell will be like for those who reject God's free gift of eternal life.

## **Lot and His Daughters**

### **Verses 30-38**

### **Verses 30-33**

**"Now Lot went up out of Zoar and lived in the hills with his two daughters, for he was afraid to live in Zoar. So he lived in a cave with his two daughters. <sup>31</sup> And the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth. <sup>32</sup> Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve offspring from our father." <sup>33</sup> So they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father. He did not know when she lay down or when she arose."**

INSTEAD of returning to Abraham's tent, Lot chose to become a cave dweller. Lot's daughters knew the small city of Zoar had escaped God's judgement. Lot's failure to teach his family the ways of the Lord is on full display as these girls do not depend on God but turn to their own understanding (Leviticus 20:11-13, Ezekiel 22:10-11). Many of us make this same

mistake; few of us have lived through an experience where God's hand was so obviously on display. To reject God's grace and involvement is foolish. The drama of Lot's weak walk with God ends in a cave. However, the painful aftermath of Moab and Ammon will continue to impact Israel (God's chosen). Both these nations, Moab and Ammon, are born in a sexual sinful act. Lustful seduction will continue to be a part of their existence (Numbers 25).

#### Verses 34-38

**<sup>34</sup> The next day, the firstborn said to the younger, "Behold, I lay last night with my father. Let us make him drink wine tonight also. Then you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve offspring from our father." <sup>35</sup> So they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. <sup>36</sup> Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father. <sup>37</sup> The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab. He is the father of the Moabites to this day. <sup>38</sup> The younger also bore a son and called his name Ben-ammi. He is the father of the Ammonites to this day."**

Lot's daughters (whose names are never revealed) knew their intentions were wrong because they knew they had to use the ways of Sodom, getting their father drunk, in order to accomplish their plan. Months later, Lot becomes a grandfather and a father at the same time. His sons are not named by him but by their mothers. Moab means "*from father*" and Ben-Ammi means "*son of my kinsman*". This offspring will be a generational hinderance to Abraham's offspring, Israel.