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**Sodom: What Was the Sin?  
2 Peter 2:5–7; Genesis 19**



**Guard Against False Teachers**

**Genesis 19:1, “Now 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 he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.”**

**Genesis 19:2, “And he said, ‘Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant’s house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way.’ And they said, ‘No, but we will spend the night in the open square.’ ”**

**Genesis 19:3, “But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.”**

**פָּצַר patzar**

**qal wawConsec 3 masc sing  
to urge, press**

**מִשְׁתֶּה *mishteh***

**comm masc**

**sing abs**

**feast, banquet**

**Gen. 19:4, “Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house.**

**Gen. 19:5, “And they called to Lot and said to him, ‘Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know *them carnally*.’ ”**

**2 Peter 2:7, “and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the licentious conduct of the wicked”**

**ἀσέλγεια asélgeia; gen. *aselgeías*, fem. noun, from aselgēs (n.f.), licentious, brutal. Lasciviousness, license, debauchery, sexual excess, absence of restraint, insatiable desire for pleasure**

**ἄθεσμος *athesmos* Adjective masc plur gen illicit; With the negative, lawless, licentious, unprincipled, amoral. Its synonym in the Scripture is evil, wicken or those inherently bad, *kakos*.**

**2 Peter 2:8, “(for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) –”**

**Gen. 19:6, “So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him,**

**Gen. 19:7, “and said, ‘Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly!**

**Gen. 19:8, “ ‘See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof.’ ”**

**Gen. 19:9, “And they said, ‘Stand back!’ Then they said, ‘This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them.’ So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door.**

**Gen. 19:10, “But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door.**

**Gen. 19:11, “And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door.”**

**Gen. 19:12, “Then the men said to Lot, ‘Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—take them out of this place!**

**Gen. 19:13, “ ‘For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.’ ”**

**Gen. 19:14, “So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, ‘Get up, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city!’ But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.**

**Gen. 19:15, “When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, ‘Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city.’ ”**

**Gen. 19:16, “And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife’s hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.**

**Gen. 19:17, “So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, ‘Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed.’ ”**

# **Objections to a literal, historical interpretation.**

- 1. Sodom (and Gibeah) were punished for breaching the rules of hospitality.**
- 2. The word “know” refers to acquaintance, not to sexual relations.**
- 3. The Sodomites’ sin was not homosexuality, but rather it was their failure to accept and treat the guests with dignity.**
- 4. Sodom fell because of its unconcern for the poor and needy, citing Ezekiel 16:49.**

**Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’”**

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**אָדָם-1 *ʾadom*-1 comm masc sing abs  
man, human**

**זָכָר *zakhar* comm masc sing abs male**

**נְקֵבָה *neqevah* comm fem sing abs female**

**Lev. 18:22, “You shall not lie with a male (*zakhar*) as with a woman (*‘isshah*). It is an abomination.”**

**Lev. 20:13, “If a man (*‘ish*) lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination (*to‘evah*). They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them.”**

**תועבה *to‘evah***

**comm fem sing**

**abs abomination**

**Ezek. 16:22, “And in all your abominations and acts of harlotry you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, struggling in your blood.”**

**תועבה *to‘evah***

**comm fem sing**

**abs abomination**

**Ezek. 16:49**, “Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

**Ezek. 16:50**, “And they were haughty and committed abomination before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw fit.

**Ezek. 16:51**, “Samaria did not commit half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters by all the abominations which you have done.”