

Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah  
Lesson #8  
Genesis 18:10-19:29

**The Visitors-Genesis 18:1-15**

1. Who appeared to Abraham in Genesis 18:1?
  
2. It was during the heat of the day; Abraham was sitting at the entrance of his tent when he noticed something out of the ordinary. What did Abraham see? (Genesis 18:2a)
  
3. What was Abraham's response to this? (Genesis 18:2b, 3)
  
4. Abraham offered them hospitality. This was important in the desert where one's life was always at risk. What did Abraham offer them? (Genesis 18:4,5)
  
5. The visitors agreed. In a gesture of hospitality, what did Abraham bring to them? (Genesis 18:6-8a)
  
6. While the visitors enjoyed Abraham's gracious meal, what was Abraham doing? (Genesis 18:8b)
  - Why do you think Abraham was doing that?
  
7. Then, the visitors asked Abraham a question. What did they ask? (Genesis 18:9a)
  
8. I wonder what Abraham thought since they knew her name. He responded with her location. The next verse gives insight. Who had Abraham been speaking with? (Genesis 18:10a)

9. What was the news this visitor brought? (Genesis 18:10a)
10. What information was given regarding Sarah? (Genesis 18:10b, 11)
11. What was Sarah's reaction to this news? (Genesis 18:12)
12. But the LORD was aware and revealed what Sarah had been thinking. What did he say to Abraham regarding Sarah's laughter? (Genesis 18:13,14)
13. Why did Sarah lie to the visitor when asked about her laughter? (Genesis 18:15)

**Abraham Pleads with the LORD - Genesis 18:16-33**

14. Hospitality required the host to protect and to accompany visitors on their way to the next destination. Abraham walked along with them as they began the next part of their journey. What was their destination? (Genesis 18:16)
15. The next few verses give insight into this from the LORD's perspective. What was the LORD thinking and why? (Genesis 18:17-19)
16. As a result, the LORD told Abraham why he had come and what he was about to do. Why did the LORD say he had come? (Genesis 18:20, 21)
17. While the men headed toward Sodom, what did Abraham do? (Genesis 18:22)

18. Abraham expressed his concern to the LORD. What was his question? (Genesis 18:23, 24)
  
19. What reason did Abraham give the LORD for asking this? (Genesis 18:25)
  
20. Who do you think Abraham was thinking about? (Genesis 13:10, 11)
  
21. Abraham continued talking with the LORD and finally ended with "*what if there are only ten righteous people found in the city*"? What was the LORD's answer? (Genesis 18:32)

At this point the conversation was concluded. The LORD left and Abraham went home. How sad for these cities that had been rescued by Abraham just a few years before. In Genesis 14, the king of Sodom had been so grateful to Abram for his rescue. Abram had been very clear that it was the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth that he served that had given the victory. (Genesis 14:22-24)

### **The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah - Genesis 19:1-29**

22. Two angels continue to Sodom. When did they arrive? (Genesis 19:1a)

23. Where was Lot located? (Genesis 19:1b)

The city gates were actually a room inside the gates where "*court*" was held. People would come to the city gates to take care of legal business with the elders of the city. To "*sit at the city gates*" indicated that person was an important leader in that city.

24. Lot greeted the visitors and offered them hospitality (which included his protection). What was their response to Lot's offer? (Genesis 19:2)

25. But Lot wouldn't give up. What did he do that changed their minds? (Genesis 19:3)
  
26. After Lot had served them a meal, what happened? (Genesis 19:4,5)
  
27. As a community leader, Lot went out to meet them. What did he say and do? (Genesis 19:6-8)
  
28. **Think about it!** This was Abraham's nephew that had been with him for years. What do you think Lot's spiritual state was at this point and why?
  
29. How did the men of Sodom view Lot? (Genesis 19:9)
  
30. What did the two angels do to rescue Lot? (Genesis 19:10,11)
  
31. At this point, the reason for their visit was revealed to Lot. What were their instructions? (Genesis 19:12, 13)
  
32. Lot did as they requested. What was the result? (Genesis 19:14)
  
33. As the sun was beginning to rise, Lot was told to hurry. Who was he to take and why? (Genesis 19:15)
  
34. But Lot hesitated. What happened next? (Genesis 19:16,17)

35. Lot still wasn't quite sure and began to bargain with them. What did he ask them and why? (Genesis 19:18-20)
  
36. What was their answer to Lot's request? (Genesis 19:21,22)
  
37. Once Lot and his family had reached Zoar, (meaning little or insignificant) the sun was up. What did the LORD do then? (Genesis 19:23-25)
  
38. Unfortunately, Lot's wife disobeyed and turned around to look at what she had left behind. What did the text say happened to her? (Genesis 19:26)
  
39. The next morning, Abraham looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah. What did he see? (Genesis 19:27, 28)
  
40. What reminder was given in Genesis 19:29?