

Gen 18:22-33  
"Judge of All the  
Earth"

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## 1. Introduction

- a. Gen 18:20 Sodom & Gomorrah  
sin very great  
- outcry against them for  
their sinful actions
- b. God's reaction - 18:21 God  
comes down to see their  
actions
- c. Will God slay the  
righteous with the  
wicked?
- d. Abraham looks for  
God to do right
- e. 2 Pet 2:4-7 God did not  
spare Sodom's judgment  
- Jude 1:7 destroyed cities

## 2. Lord reveals His plan to Abraham

- a. 18:20-21 God plans to  
check out behavior of  
city residents
- b. Gen 18:16 Two men (angels)  
look towards Sodom (19:1)
- c. God discusses His plans  
with Abraham (18:17)
- d. God knows Abraham's  
heart (18:18)

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3. Abraham begs for Lot's families lives
  - a. Abraham separates from Lot for the sake of their grazing herds
    - Gen 13:5-11 Lot chose well watered plains of Jordan River
    - = cities of Sodom & Gomorrah
  - b. Lot went eastward
    - he pitched his tents as far as Sodom (18:12-13)
  - c. Lot lives in city of Sodom (14:12)
  - d. Now Abraham 99 years old (17:1)
    - Sarah 90 years old (17:17)
    - Isaac to be born following year (17:19, 21)
  - e. Abraham talks with God to spare his nephew's life

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- Abraham's ~~count~~ countdown  
of righteous people

\* 50? people (18:24)

\* 45? (18:25)

\* 30? (18:30)

\* 20? (18:31)

\* 10? (18:30)

- Abraham stops the count  
at 10 righteous people

f. How many in Lot's family?

- two daughters (unmarried)  
(19:15)

- wife also (4 people)

- married daughters

\* at least 2 (19:14)

\* if 3 married daughters  
would be 6 more

- 4 + 6 = 10

- Presume to conclude that  
10 people in Lot's extended  
family

g. Conclusion: God will spare  
the wicked destruction  
for the sake of righteous  
people

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4. God judges with mercy
- a. God sends 2 angels to get Lot's family out alive from Sodom (19:1, 12-13)
  - b. Angels give Lot all night to gather his family members
    - Gen 19:14-16 none of his son-in-laws & married daughters came with him
  - c. Angels will not begin destruction until Lot safe (19:22)
  - d. God destroys the cities of the plain (19:24-25)
    - fire & brimstone
    - \* looks like some volcanic upheaval
    - \* Jordan River runs down rift valley between 2 continental plates

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5d (cont)

- geological location

\* geologic hotspot  
similar to Hawaiian  
Islands, Iceland, &  
Yellowstone NP

\* fire ~~water~~ lava flows

\* brimstone sulphur  
geysers, mud pots

\* signs of prior hotspot  
activities

x Valley of Siddim  
(previous name) - 14:3

x now the Salt Sea  
(Dead Sea)

x Valley of Siddim then  
full of asphalt pits  
(like LA city La  
Brea tar pits)

x slime pits are tar  
pits (14:10)