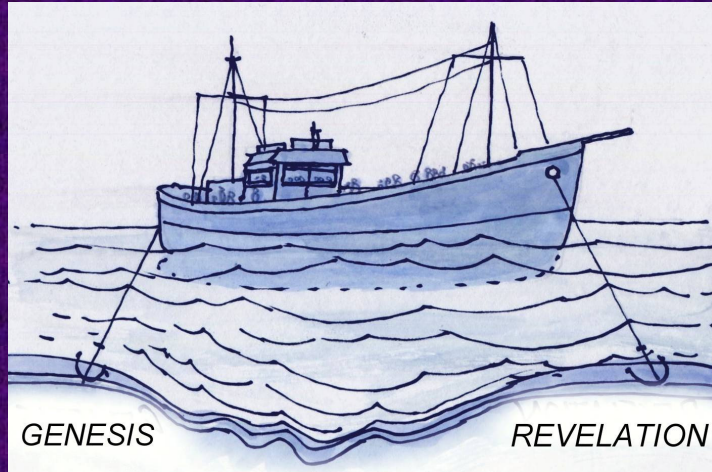


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READY

**NOT
READY**



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Four things we can learn from Noah, so we can be ready for Jesus' return.

- Noah desired righteousness - **Matt 6:33**
- Noah recognised The LORD's voice -
Ps 95:7-11 & Heb 3:7-4:11
- Noah obeyed The LORD's voice -
Ps 95:7-11 & Heb 3:7-4:11
- Noah proclaimed God's righteousness -
Matt 2:2, 4:17 & Mark 1:15

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Luke 17:28-32

"Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

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Luke 17:28-32

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Remember Lot's wife!"

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2 Peter 2:1-9

"But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

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2 Peter 2:1-9

"And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgement from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

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2 Peter 2:1-9

"For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgement; and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

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"(for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day with their lawless deeds), then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgement."

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Genesis 11

v27 This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot.

v31 And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there.

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Genesis 12

v4 So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

v5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan.

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Genesis 13

- :1-4** Abram returns from Egypt to Bethel a very rich man;
- :5-9** Lot also many possessions and there wasn't enough space for them both;
Trouble broke out between there herdsmen;
Abram not wanting there to be arguments asked Lot to go his separate way, and said he would allow Lot to choose first.

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Genesis 13:10-13

And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar.

Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other.

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Genesis 13:10-13

Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom.

But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.

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What do think about Lot's Choice?

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Genesis 13:14-18

"And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: 'Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are - northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.'

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Genesis 13:14-18

"'And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you.'

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Walk: הלך **halak** - Strong's 1980

Relevant occurrences in Genesis

- 3:8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God **walking** in the garden in the cool of the day,
- 5:22 After he begot Methuselah, Enoch **walked** with God three hundred years,
- 5:24 And Enoch **walked** with God; and he was not, for God took him.
- 6:9 Noah **walked** with God.

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Relevant occurrences in Genesis

- 13:5** Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents.
- 17:1** The LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.
- 28:20** Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going,

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- Lev 26:12** I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.
- Deu 1:30** The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you,
- Deu 23:14** For the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and give your enemies over to you;

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Deu 28:9 The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways.

Deu 31:6 Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.

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WARNING!

ARE YOU CONTENT TO WALK WITH MEN

or

DO YOU SEEK TO WALK WITH GOD?

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Genesis 14

Five kings, including the Kings of Sodom and Gomorrah, rebelled against their overlords.

The outcome v10:

Now the Valley of Siddim was full of asphalt pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled; some fell there, and the remainder fled to the mountains.

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Genesis 14

v11-12 "Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way.

They also took Lot, Abram's brother's son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed."

News of Lot's capture reaches Abram and he defeats the captors, rescues Lot and all the people of these cities.

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Genesis 14

This passage is best known for Abram's encounter with Melchizedek, king of Salem, who is identified in Hebrews 7 as a type of Jesus.

Abram is also offered all the wealth of Sodom by its king, but he refuses to take it, but asks that those who fought with him might receive their portion.

There is no other mention of Lot in this chapter.

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How relevant are the events of this chapter to Lot's future?

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WARNING!
**WHEN THE LORD
PROVIDES A WAY OUT
TAKE IT!**

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Poll

In Gen. 18:23-33 who did Abraham pray for?

- The people of Sodom
- Lot
- Lot and his family
- Lot, his family and the people of Sodom
- The righteous

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Poll

In Gen. 18:23-33 who did Abraham pray for?

**"And Abraham came near and said,
'Would You also destroy the
righteous with the wicked?'"**

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Genesis 18:32-33

"Then he [Abraham] said, 'Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?' And He said, 'I will not destroy it for the sake of ten.'

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It appears Abraham wanted to rescue Lot and his family again!

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Genesis 19

- :1-3 Lot invites the two angels to stay with him.
- :4-5 Men of all ages demand that Lot sends the "men" out so they can have sex with them.
- :6-8 Lot offers his two unmarried daughters as alternatives.
- :9 The people not only reject his trade, but also reject him:
"This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them."

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- :10-11** The angles pull Lot back into the house and then strike the attackers with blindness.
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Genesis 19

:16-17 "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.

"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.'"

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:18-20 "Then Lot said to them, 'Please, no, my lords! Indeed now, your servant has found favour in your sight, and you have increased your mercy which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me and I die.

"See now, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one; please let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.'"

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Genesis 19

- :21-23** "And he said to him, 'See, I have favoured you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken. Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there.' Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. [Little] The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar.
- :26** But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

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Why did Lot's wife look back?
Why did Lot linger?

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Betrothed: אָרַשׁ 'aras; to engage for matrimony #781

AV - betroth 10, espouse 1

NAS - betroth 4, betrothed 1, engaged 6

Exodus × 1, Deuteronomy × 6, 2 Samuel × 1, Hosea × 2

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Possible objections to my suggestion

In 19:30-38, Lot's two daughters are described as "the firstborn" and "the younger."

This will suggest to some that they were the only two daughters, but it was not necessarily the case:

It could simply mean "the older one" and "the younger one" of the two;

Or that the eldest daughter and one of her younger sisters survived.

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This same comparison is also made in two other families:

Ge 29:26 "And Laban said, 'It must not be done so in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.'"

1Sa 14:49 "The sons of Saul were Jonathan, Jishui and Malchishua. And the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal."

Both these men also had sons (see Gen. 31:1 & 2 Sam. 21:1–11) and there is no information given about the order of birth between the sons and the daughters.

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Why did Lot's wife look back?

Why did Lot linger?

My suggestion is that they were leaving at least two daughters (and perhaps grandchildren) behind to be destroyed!

That makes most sense of Jesus warning.

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I am sure you will want to discuss that possibility...

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WARNING!

**DO NOT BECOME SETTLED
IN A SINFUL SOCIETY!**

**The majority will not appreciate you
telling them that they are doing wrong!**

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WARNING!

**DO NOT THINK IT IS ALRIGHT
TO LIVE SO CLOSE TO THE WORLD
THAT YOUR CHILDREN MARRY INTO IT!**

**Which way will you look
when Jesus returns?**

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Genesis 19

- :27-28** Abraham observes the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.
- :29** God drove Lot out of Sodom for Abraham's sake.
- :30** Lot finally obeys The LORD and leaves Zoar for the mountains.
- :31-36** He is so unprepared that his daughters have to make him drunk, so that they can conceive children.
- :37-38** The children are Moab and Ben-Ammi, from whom the Moabites and the Ammonites are descended. (Deut 2:19)

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1 Corinthians 3:11-15

"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

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Job 19:20

I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.

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WARNINGS FROM LOT'S POOR EXAMPLE

- Seek to walk with God not with men!
- When The LORD provides a way out take it!
- Do not become settled in a sinful society!
- Do not think it is alright to live close to the world!
- Do not be content to escape by the skin of your teeth!

Lot and Samson were very similar people!

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Plenty to chew on I hope