

## Righteous Lot

### Lot Was Not a Christian

The Scriptures were written that we might have hope (Rom 15:4; 1 Cor 10:11).

Lot wasn't a Christian in the sense that people often relate to Abraham as a Christian. He was not a disciple. Lot was not covenanted to the God of Abraham. He was of the nations. He was not circumcised with or after Abram. He was not a blameless man but he was righteous by the standard of the nations. Lot wasn't righteous by the standard of Israel, nor was he included in the blessings accorded Abraham and his seed. Lot's descendants ended up persecuting Abraham's (Ps 83:8).

How righteous, then, was Lot? 2 Pet 2:7 (NIV) — Lot was tormented in his righteous soul. What will be his outcome? Are there still righteous men on the earth who aren't a part of Israel? In eternity he will be in the holy nations. He is not counted with Abraham. Was he called out of Ur? No, Lot just came with Abram. Abram was the chosen one; Lot wasn't supposed to come (Gen 12:1). He could have remained in Ur and been a righteous man.

There is a righteousness in the world. Christians say there is no one righteous in the world (2 Pet 2:7). At least he was righteous in comparison with the filthy conduct of the men in Sodom who wanted to gang-rape the angelic messengers. Homosexuals always want strange new flesh, just like these men wanted the angels who were new to town.

**Adam:** It is the nature of the spirit they've received to corrupt what has not been corrupted. It is altogether self-seeking.

Gen 19:1-14 — Verses 2 and 3 — you have to insist on hospitality sometimes or people won't think you are serious. Hospitality must be restored to its former high place. Verse 7 — it isn't just a wicked act, a better translation would say vile, wicked, outlandish act. This passage shows the true nature of homosexuality. Here the sin is in full bloom in their lives. It is just like murder — it gets easier and easier.

Gen 18:19 — We know a seed must be preserved. Gen 18:20 links this to Sodom and Gomorrah (Rom 9:29). The outcry of those cities was so great that the messengers were sent to see if the cities were that bad. Being Abraham's seed we must be like him and intercede for the righteous Lots of the world. They are those who live by their conscience. They are not like Rom 1:32.

2 Pet 2:9 — If you are a Christian you might think that Lot went to heaven when he died. But Lot was not included in Abraham. Lot is not described by Gal 3:29. Abraham was chosen out of the world and out of the righteousness of the world to become (produce) the ruling class of the nations. Israel is to rule over the righteous (Lots) in the kingdom to come. The covenant of Abraham pertains to the rule of God. It came in after the covenant to the nations was established. We are part of the covenant with Messiah (Genesis 3: 16) and will rule over those who live by their consciences — that is, they honor their fellow men and women as being made in God's image (Gen 9:6). The injunction to punish those who violate that image is the foundation of all human government.

The people described in Mt 25:34 were those who lived by the knowledge of good and evil. They will inherit the nations. They proved themselves righteous by their hospitality, just as Lot entertained angels. Lot is worthy of the nations because he instinctively received the messengers. That is how those who help the 144,000 will be.

Gen 12:2 — You can see what righteous lives we must lead for the nations to be blessed or cursed by how they treat us (Mt 10:42; Rev 20:11-13). The righteous will be rewarded who condemn the wicked. Lot wouldn't go along with the wicked deeds of the city. 2 Pet 2:5-9 speaks about Lot and what happened as Noah's and Lot's families were saved because of their righteousness. Was Lot's wife saved? No, she wasn't. We are to remember Lot's wife in the last days.

Lot was just even though he looked toward Sodom instead of the promised land. Gen 13:10-11 — He looked to the comfort of the valley.

**Reya:** He looked at it like a farmer. He wanted the bottom river land just like any farmer would.

**Yachin:** The fact that the shepherds were quarreling shows that they weren't under the same

covenant.

**Yonah:** The promises made to Abram didn't relate to him. He didn't take hope in them. Lot was a natural Jew.

Lot had a different perspective from Abraham. He had a natural mind, not a spiritual one. He wanted the best land; Abraham was willing to trust God for his household even on inferior land. Lot was a natural man. He has to be judged that way.

Lot was of the nations, not of the chosen people. To Abraham's seed was the promise of salvation to those who are lost. This delivers them from the second death. We preach good news to sinners, to those lost in the world. Our Master even said He came for the sinners, not the righteous, to save them from the second death (Lk 5:32). Sinners are convicted of their sins. Lot was not chosen; Abraham was.

Gal 3:16 and 29 speaks of the seed who is Messiah and the seed who is us, the collective seed (the 14th generation). We're the seed. He mediates His love to the world through us. We stand between the world and Him and mediate His love to them. This is Israel. Through us He determines in many ways who will inherit the nations. He is interested in every human being, to save in every way possible.

### **Two Kinds of Righteousness**

**Isa 49:6, 52:6-10 — this is who we are, the light to the nations. Righteous Lot was not chosen so there are two types of righteousness in the Scriptures (Rom 1-3; 2 Pet 2). Where did Lot get his righteousness from? Not Yahshua nor our Father. Abraham derived his righteousness from faith — he believed (Gen 15:6). Jms 2:24 — Abraham's faith went along with his works.**

**What then is the outcome of Lot's righteousness, since he wasn't chosen? Lot was not chosen for the kind of righteousness that Abraham was chosen for. We are chosen for a higher righteousness than the nations. Lot's righteousness came from what he did, not from faith. But both were chosen before the foundation of the earth — this is just as essential as the second covenant to go beyond Christianity. Eph 1:4 — us, and Mt 25:34 — the nations. This kingdom of the nations is ruled over by the collective Messiah. There must be light in the Holy City for nations to walk by.**

**Rom 2:12-16 speaks about the righteousness that is in the world to be judged, verse 16, to see who will enter the nations. Rev 20:12 is where Lot will be judged. We will judge the world (1 Cor 6:2). Yahshua will need us to help Him judge the world. He can't do it all Himself. We will have His mind. Abraham's descendants will be judged along with the saints. Abraham will go to the judgment seat of Messiah (2 Cor 5:10). Did Abraham lie (like in Sarah being his sister)? Was he unrighteous?**

**Rom 2:14 speaks of the law, both the written law and the law instinctively known. Lot's righteousness was derived from doing what the law written in his heart required. Gen 3:16-18 is what is required of a man. This law is put in every man's heart. If you live by this covenant, you will love your wife, etc. Abraham had a righteousness apart from the law (Rom 3:19-26; Rom 4). Now a righteousness apart from the law is being revealed — the gospel reveals this. It is a better righteousness. Abraham can't boast but Lot can in the righteousness he had. Abraham's was given to him by God.**

**Those who are chosen for the nations are not chosen for the Holy City. Mt 25:34 — Anyone who blesses you and is kind is worthy of the nations. It makes you want to be kind back. A little kindness and respect go a long way. Mt 5:48 — We can be perfect with kindness; we are called to do this, to represent this. The reason Lot went toward the world was that he was living by another standard of the world, which is much lower. They deserve the nations and we deserve punishment if they do better now than us (Titus 3:5).**

**1 Pet 2:12 — Think about this verse. The reason Lot went toward the world is that he lived according to the different standard of the world. (The world won't glorify God unless our standard of living is much higher than the world's.) God judged Sodom and Gomorrah based upon an outcry of evil. Righteous Lot's life was Sodom's standard of judgment. Lot grieved over what he saw. He was righteous. Lot and his two daughters were the only ones saved. Somehow they must have been living to some extent by the second covenant and not doing self-righteous good deeds to soothe their conscience for how they are breaking the covenant. People must live by the knowledge of good and evil. The necessity of having**

**offspring drove the daughters to the extreme measures they went to.**

**Yonah:** The horrible disaster — they must have thought the whole earth was destroyed. They left the men they were to marry at the bidding of a man their father had just met.

Our Master knows whom He has chosen (Jn 13:18; 2 Pet 2:7; Gen 19:4-9). Lot was distressed by the lives of the men of Sodom, even to offer his daughters to vile and filthy homosexuals. This is the word of the Holy Spirit (2 Pet 2:7). Even to turn over his daughter was an act of righteousness by Lot under the code of honor of hospitality among the nations of his day, even at the cost of his family members, to save those who had come under the protection of his roof. Heb 13:2 — We are instructed to entertain strangers. It is the Holy Spirit that says we are to protect them even at the cost of our virgin daughters (Gen 19:8). You can see the filthiness and vileness of these homosexual sodomites (Gen 19:8).

You can see the filthiness and vileness of these homosexual sodomites (Gen 19:10-11). The angels protected Lot (Gen 19:13). The outcry had become so great that angels were sent to destroy homosexuals preying on strange new flesh. This episode is the foundation of our understanding of strange new flesh. Since all the men of the city surrounded Lot's house they could have had each other, variety was the spice of life.

2 Pet 2:4-6 — All nations, cities and peoples who tolerate them will be judged for their sins. He rescued righteous Lot who was distressed and tormented every day. Are we tormented by the wickedness around us? Lot's righteous soul was tormented by their vile and wicked deeds (2 Pet 2:9). The Sovereign knows how to rescue the chosen ones (2 Pet 2:10). They followed the desires of their sinful nature and despised authority. They corrupt the image of God (Gen 9:6). 2 Pet 2:10-15 describes today's proponents of homosexuality and Jude 7 describes their fate (2 Pet 2:10). The corrupt desires of the sinful nature is referring to the most vile sexual practice under the sun — homosexuality (Gen 19:5). They hate the word of God. They hate and despise authority, which condemns them to the second death.

Is what Peter wrote a homophobic reaction? Gen 19:24 — God was the first gay-basher. This is a foretaste of what is to come. It is relevant today. What we see now is only the beginning. Homosexuals are condemned in the strongest terms in both the Old and New Covenants in Israel, and in the nations as well. They have an insatiable desire for strange flesh. AIDS can be passed on through saliva. The bitterness of a homosexual dying of AIDS could cause him to spit in the food at restaurants where they work.

1 Tim 1:8-10 — Homosexuality, murder and kidnapping are all the same kind of sin. Homosexuals have trouble with the word of God, not our paper. He is trying to create a standard through us so that homosexuality won't creep into the church, and a standard for homosexuals to repent. Some homosexuals think they are true to one partner. Gen 19:1-5 describes the moral character of homosexuals in Sodom. Can we expect that spirit to have gotten better or gotten worse? If they tried to gang rape the angels, they will try to gang rape us. That spirit is in them to do it. God Himself will be accused of being the most notorious homophobia and gay-basher because He rained down fire and brimstone on Sodom and Gomorrah.

### **The Vile and Wicked Men of Gibeah**

**We read all of Jdg 19-21 aloud in the NIV. It was stunning in its impact. Jdg 19:30 was as if spoken to us: Think about it, take counsel and tell us what to do." Yoneq said, "The story is so great. What is the significance of it? Something had to be done because of this vile and outlandish act. How do we tell this story to our children?"**

**Yonah:** Benjamin condoned the deeds of the men of Gibeah, therefore they had to be obliterated. They stood fiercely adamant about the stand they took, defying 400,000 men for two days. Israel had to punish the sin or be destroyed themselves. There was no other way they could avoid the guilt.

**Qatan:** There was a tremendous cost to Israel to do this. It was a test of their determination to rid the nation of this evil.

Dt 13:5; 17:7; 19:19 — Israel had to purge the evil or they would not be Israel any longer. Jdg 19:22 — They were worthless fellows, perverted men, wicked homosexuals — nothing has changed today. When it gets totally mature you will see these things happen again. This sin came in through Canaan. The same evil spirit hasn't changed.

The only people who will be cast into the lake of fire are worthless — there is nothing redeemable about them.

They are sons of Belial and good for nothing. Dt 13:13 — Worthless men are scoundrels. Pr 6:12 — They spread

discord among the brethren.

Peacemakers are the sons of God. Those who spread discord are the sons of Belial. Belial in Hebrew is *Satan* (2 Cor 6:15). Belial is the source of worthlessness. Dt 13:8 — No pity is to be shown to a scoundrel, a worthless fellow. Do not spare him, even if it is your family or closest friend, if he urges you to leave, to doubt authority, or the anointing. A spirit of evil has come upon them. Have nothing to do with them. Dt 13 speaks of the whole clan. In such a case the whole clan must cut them off or be cut off, never to be established again. Whole clans can and will be severed from Messiah. 1 Sam 1:16; 2:12 — Eli's judgment was way off about Hannah's prayer. He considered her to be worthless. His sons didn't regard Yahweh. We must watch out for what will ruin our judgment as well.

Jdg 19:22 — Homosexuals are a worthless group of gay activists. Jdg 19:22 is another example of Jdg 21:25 — every man doing what was right in his own eyes. Jdg 19:22 is just like the demand of the men of Sodom in Gen 19:5. Homosexuality was, common among the depraved, insidiously evil Canaanites. They were the most evil people, insatiable, incapable of being satisfied.

Homosexuals are never satisfied. They are always on the prowl. 2 Pet 2:14 is so clear. Their eyes are full of adultery; they entice unsteady souls. They worm their way into their confidence.

*Insidious* — Working to entrap; spreading harmfully in a subtle manner; stealthy; undetectable; intended to entrap; wily; lying in wait.

Such evil cannot be tolerated. It needs to be exposed. It is amazing what Israel had to do to purge the land.

Jdg 19:23 — The man said, "Don't commit this vile act, this detestable, loathsome, depraved, extremely disgusting act." This is homosexuality. It is like having a taste for carrion. Paul said if it weren't for a seed, we would all become like Sodom and Gomorrah (Rom 9:29). Do we believe this?

Jdg 19:24 — It was such a vile and outrageous act that even as Lot offered his own daughters, so did this man offer his daughter to a vile mob. They could take a woman and kill her, but not a homosexual act. It is the worst thing imaginable. To give your precious virgin daughter is better than a homosexual act. Just look at all the thousands of lives that it cost to purge the land of this one act. At least 65,000 dead, not even counting the cities of Benjamin. This illustrates how serious this is to our God. Lev 18:22 — This sin brought about the desolation of Benjamin and all their inheritance. This desolation was where all Israel was headed without this purging.

The story of Yatham, Gideon's son, is amazing (Jdg 9; 2 Sam 13:12). These were horrible things that happened.

Jdg 19:24-25 — How could such wickedness be? You can see how selfish, callused, and senseless these men were to violate and abuse a woman all night in Israel. It is emphasized in the Bible. Jdg 20:13 — The demand of Israel was not unreasonable. They wanted to punish those directly involved in the crime. It would instead cost thousands of other lives as well. It was worth it to purge the land of this violent crime.

It was an angelic force impelling them to do this. These worthless fellows were put to death to purge Israel.

Their sin called for the death penalty (Num 35:29-34). If sin is unpunished, even in our midst, it will pollute us.

We don't bear the sword for nothing. The land will be polluted if wickedness is not punished (Jer 47:6-7; 48:10; Dt 13:5; 17:7; 19:19-20). Evil must be purged from the land in this way. Bloodshed pollutes the land because it allows for all other kinds of evil. Where murder is not purged anything will be tolerated.

Lot was righteous because he knew the sin of Sodom was outrageous conduct and behavior (Rom 1:32). Lot didn't give approval to self-will, rebellion against what they knew was right and wrong. Lot wasn't guilty of the extreme sin of applauding what they did. (We are guilty in many ways of doing that, like at the Rainbow Gathering.) Rom 2:14 — By natural impulse and instinct, men know homosexuality is an outrageous act. When people condemn these abominations, they are worthy of the nations.

**Phinehas:** Lot was tormented in his spirit. It is easy to become dull to it, living in such a liberal city as Burlington where homosexuality is such an open, accepted thing. Somehow, we have lost what we should instinctively have towards this great abomination. I feel in my spirit that a society that doesn't view homosexuality this way (as an abomination) is in big trouble.

Burlington is righteous compared to some cities. This should supply us with impetus to write more on this subject. We need more ways we can defend the truth.

**Yachebed:** I'm thankful for the gospel, the salt of the earth. If salt loses its flavor, what good is it? We're learning what salt is.

**Sharon H.:** I saw today there are two kinds of righteousness. A righteousness apart from the law is being revealed to us, but I have a tendency to have my own righteousness — self-righteousness. When I'm dwelling in that righteousness apart from the law, it is a common righteousness, a part of our common life together in Messiah. That is where our life is.

**Olah:** Our Father is revealing a wealth of wisdom and knowledge to us. He is opening our eyes. He is not doing it so we can become fat, but so we can have a gospel. I have to digest this myself. I'm thankful He's giving us things to say that are going to reach people.

**Shiphrah:** Pr 1:20 — Wisdom lifts her voice in the square. It will be us out on the streets, proclaiming wisdom. There are three kinds of people: 1) the naive — the masses educated in the liberal thinking of today who receive whatever people say and do, things without knowing the consequences of their behavior; 2) the scoffers — the educated ones, full of knowledge. They feel like they have wisdom and scoff at those who have the wisdom of God and view them as ignorant. They set themselves above everyone. And, 3) fools — they hate the word of God. They hate knowledge and despise authority. Wisdom is crying out to these people to repent. We have to overcome our self-consciousness to have compassion on the lost and dying. I want to overcome and put that enemy under my foot.

If we give a hearty amen, things will happen. It will be. It will come true. Amen is a commanding prayer.

**Aharon:** I want to see the reality of all those people dying for that sin. All that happened for our instruction, yet I'm so dull. It is pitiful. I need to be saved from it. I need to be more riled up. I want to understand these things and be a warrior and not let those people die in vain. I want to see it.

You see how we're going to grow in our understanding. The longer you spend on the foundation, the bigger the house will be.

**Daniel:** This makes me thankful for our Master, because He became the most detestable, vile thing for us — taking on the sin of the world — even the sin of homosexuality — in order to deliver us from these things. It must go into us so we can speak these things to save people from the second death. Apart from us being the salt and light of the earth, there's no hope for the nations. He is cleansing us from deep selfishness so He can use us. Such were some of us — we know what it is like to be filthy and we know what it is like to be cleansed.

**Almah:** We were the sinners He came for. I'm thankful they gave their virgin daughters. It made me cry to think we'd give our children over for the sake of a stranger. I prayed to understand it. It would be better to fornicate with a girl than commit a homosexual act with a man. The evil that works in homosexuality is worse than murder. He's stirring us up to see the evil that is destroying the earth.

**Gader:** We know a doctor, Dr. Berge. We are talking to him at his house over dinner. He was overwhelmed in his own humanity about AIDS. He said if it keeps going at its current rate, it will have infected 10-20% of the earth's population by the year 2000 — 1 billion people. We don't realize the extent of the devastation of homosexuality. We think, 'how terrible it was for Lot to offer his virgin daughters,' but what we don't realize is how much worse homosexuality is. I want to receive this today so I can have the good news on my tongue. The gospel needs to be formed in us so we know how to speak the truth in love and not get devoured.

**Yerushah:** The cost was so high to do away with sin in our own life. We must die daily so we can be a light so that sin can be done away with.

We have a basis to worship our Master because we've been rescued and delivered from the world.

**Racham:** I want what we've been hearing more fully formed in my heart, as well. But in Philemon, it says that if we are active in sharing our faith we will come to know every good thing we have in Messiah (verse 6).

### **Various Topics**

#### **Trees and Flowers**

**We should plant fruit trees in every house we move into, and in every house we are in. Apricot seeds are**

good to eat, as well.

With the exception of hospitality for our guests, we should leave the flowers in the ground. For the sake of hospitality it may be good to make the sacrifice. Maybe we can pick our own flowers when there is an abundance. Picking wildflowers robs everyone else of appreciating them. We should teach our children not to pick flowers unless they have been sent. We should teach them to appreciate life (and the flowers). We don't want them randomly picking flowers. In our garden we should plant wildflowers.

**Taxes**

We can't be a light to the nations if we are not paying our taxes.

**August 15**

There will be a free concert by Paul Simon in Central Park, New York City on August 15, 1991. A million people are expected and we want to go there and evangelize.

**Northhampton — Amhearst Area**

We want to send Hakam and Havah to Northhampton to open up a Strictly Vermont Store and evangelize the local college campuses. They could teach on campus in the evening. Free speech is the coming thing on many campuses. We'll have many opportunities to speak.

**Our Children**

Some people are totally ignorant of the teaching, *Our Children*. We should at least pray and attempt to implement the things in this teaching.