

GENESIS – LESSON TEN

- I. **GOD COMMUNES WITH ABRAHAM AND DESTROYS SODOM AND THE CITIES OF THE PLAIN (Chapters 18-20)**
- A. Three Angels of Jehovah appear to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre (18:1-22).
 - 1. Abraham provides food for the men sent from Jehovah (v.1-8).
 - 2. Sarah laughs after overhearing the angels say she shall have son (v. 9-15).
 - 3. Men rise to go toward Sodom – God reveals to Abraham his plans to confirm the truth of the cries that have come to Him from Sodom (v. 16-21).
 - B. Abraham pleads with God to save Sodom (v.22-33).
 - C. Lot at the gate of Sodom meets two angels – men of the city want to sexually know them (19:1-11).
 - D. Angels earnestly appeal to Lot and his family to escape from the city of Sodom – Lot allowed to go to Zoar (19:12-22).
 - E. God totally destroys cities of the plain with brimstone and fire from heaven (19:23-29).
 - 1. Lot's wife turned to pillar of salt as she looks longingly back at the city.
 - 2. Abraham looks towards cities of plain and sees the smoke come up like the smoke of the furnace.
 - 3. God remembers Abraham by sparing Lot.
 - F. Lot leaves Zoar for the mountains with his two daughters (19:30-38).
 - 1. Firstborn daughter lies with drunken Lot and conceives son – Moab – the father of the Moabites.
 - 2. Younger daughter lies with drunken Lot and conceives son – Benammi – the father of the children of Ammon.
 - G. Abraham sojourns in Gerar and lets it be known to Abimelech that Sarah is his sister (20:1-7).
 - 1. God troubles righteous Abimelech in a dream – not to take Sarah for she is a man's wife.
 - 2. Abimelech commanded to restore Sarah to Abraham – he and all his will die if he refuses.
 - H. Abimelech and Abraham converse over the incident of taking Sarah (20:8-13).
 - 1. Abimelech wants to know what sin he has done to Abraham for a great sin to be brought on him and his kingdom.
 - 2. Abraham explains that for his safety he had encouraged his half sister Sarah to be known as his sister instead of his wife.
 - I. Abimelech restores Sarah to Abraham with gifts – Abraham prays for Abimelech, his wife and maid-servants to allow them to bear children (20:14-18).

QUESTIONS:

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1. In what way does Jehovah “appear” to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre?
2. Describe the relationship Abraham had with his wife Sarah regarding headship in their home.
3. What was going through Sarah’s mind to make her laugh when overhearing the messengers talk to Abraham?
4. How did Jehovah react to Sarah’s laughing.
5. What emotion can make us lie?
Do our denials change the truth before God?
6. How does God see a remnant from Abraham being sustained in order for God to fulfill His promises to Abraham?
7. Describe the “cry” that had come up to God from Sodom and Gomorrah.
8. What “right” did Abraham appeal to God about concerning the fate of Sodom?
9. God was willing to save Sodom if there were _____ people found in the city.
10. What lessons do you learn from Abraham that will help you in your prayers to God?

11. Where is Lot when he meets with the two angels?
12. What did the men of the city want to “know” the two men messengers?
13. How did the men of the city regard Lot?
14. What did the angels do the men of the city?
15. What lesson do you learn concerning “influence” when noticing Lot’s family not being enthusiastic over leaving Sodom?
16. What is the origin of the Moabites and the Ammonites?
17. Is Abraham justified in saying that Sarah was his sister?
18. Why did Abimelech need Abraham to pray for him?
19. Why did Abimelech give 1,000 pieces of silver to Abraham?