

## SODOM SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER

GENESIS 10:15-19 .. FIRST MENTION OF SODOM. IT WAS OCCUPIED BY THE CANAANITES, DESCENDENTS OF NOAH THROUGH HAM .. CANAAN.

GENESIS 13:10-13 .. LOT CHOSE THE AREA TOWARDS SODOM .. HE MOVED CLOSE TO SODOM. SODOM IS DESCRIBED AS WICKED AND SINNERS.

GENESIS 14:1-4 .. BERA, KING OF SODOM, SERVED ELAM 12 YEARS, THEN REBELLED.

14:5-11 .. THEY WERE DEFEATED AGAIN.

14:12 .. LOT IS CAPTURED IN THE BATTLE.

14:13-16 .. ABRAM RESCUES LOT. HE RETURNS THE GOODS AND WOMEN TO SODOM.

14:17 .. KING OF SODOM MEETS ABRAM.

14:18-20 .. MELCHIZEDEK, PRIEST OF GOD & KING OF SALEM:

BLESSES ABRAM.

PREACHES GOOD NEWS

DECLARES THAT IT WAS GOD WHO DELIVERED.

DECLARES THAT ABRAM IS GOD'S SERVANT.

14:21 .. KING OF SODOM ONLY CONCERNED WITH MATERIAL THINGS.

14:22-24 .. ABRAM TEACHES HOW TO DO RIGHT:

SERVE GOD AS I DO.

I DESERVE NO PAY, GOD IS ONE WHO DELIVERED.

THE LESSONS FROM THE TEXT: WHAT SODOM SAW AND HEARD:

A. SODOM HAD EXPERIENCE BONDAGE, THEN DELIVERANCE BY GOD'S POWER. ISRAEL WILL EXPERIENCE THE SAME THING .. DELIVERANCE FROM EGYPT AND BABYLON. WE EXPERIENCE THE SAME THING ... DELIVERANCE FROM THE BONDAGE OF SATAN AND SIN BY THE DEATH OF JESUS.

B. SODOM SAW ONE SHEPHERD OVERCOME 4 KINGS WHO HAD JUST DEFEATED 5 KINGS. THEY SAW THE POWER OF GOD WORKING THROUGH HIS PEOPLE.

C. SODOM HEARD MELCHIZEDEK DECLARE IT TO BE BY GOD'S POWER.

D. SODOM SAW ABRAM OFFER TITHES TO MELCHIZEDEK .. THEY SAW SUBMISSION TO GOD IN MATERIAL THINGS.

E. SODOM HEARD ABRAM TESTIFY ABOUT GOD AND HIS POWER AND HIS OWNERSHIP OF EVERYTHING.

F. SODOM SAW ABRAM REFUSE PAY FOR THE WORK. ABRAM COULD HAVE KEPT EVERYTHING. THEY SAW A DIFFERENT KIND OF PERSON THAN THEY WERE.

G. SODOM HEARD THAT ABRAM WAS DIFFERENT BECAUSE HE SERVED GOD.

**CONCLUSION:**

**SODOM HAD NO EXCUSE. THEY KNEW ABOUT GOD. THEY SAW HIS POWER. THEY KNEW HE CALLED ON MEN TO BE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THEY WERE. BUT IN JUST A FEW YEARS, (AT LEAST 14 YEARS) SODOM IS DESTROYED BECAUSE OF THEIR GREAT WICKEDNESS. THEY DID NOT PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY SAW OR HEARD.**

**JESUS IS OUR DELIVERER:**

**Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives, And freedom to prisoners;**

**Luke 1:68 (ZACHARIAS, JOHN THE BAPTIST'S FATHER) "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people,**

**Luke 1:71 Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES, And FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US;**

**Luke 1:74 To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear,**

**Romans 7:24-25 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**SODOM HAD A DELIVERER .. ABRAM .. JUST AS WE HAVE A DELIVERER, JESUS CHRIST. THEY DID NOT LISTEN TO HIM OR LEARN FROM HIM. DID THEY HAVE AN EXCUSE?**

**THE GENTILES HAD A DELIVERER IF THEY WOULD HAVE LISTENED AND LEARNED. DID THEY HAVE AN EXCUSE?**

**Romans 1:18-22 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,**

**THE SODOMITES HAD NO EXCUSE! THE JEWS HAD NO EXCUSE! THE GENTILES HAD NO EXCUSE! WE HAVE NO EXCUSE!!!**

**WE KNOW OF OUR DELIVERER. WE KNOW HE DEMANDS THAT WE BE A DIFFERENT KING OF PEOPLE.**

**ARE WE DOING ANY MORE ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD THAN THE SODOMITES?**

**IF YOU ARE READY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR DELIVERER, PLEASE COME WHILE WE STAND AND SING.**

