

Torah Cycle 2018-19

Parshah: Vayeira

(Genesis 18-22)

Outline of Vayeira

- Ch. **18** – Three angels visit Abraham
Abraham intercedes for Sodom
- Ch. **19** – Sodom is destroyed
Lot is saved
- Ch. **20** – Abraham and Abimelech
- Ch. **21** – Birth of Isaac
Hagar & Ishmael sent away
- Ch. **22** – The *Akeidah* (Binding of Isaac)

Genesis 18:17-19

Adonai said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed? For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of Adonai by doing righteousness and justice, so that Adonai may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.”

The Sins of Sodom:

Isaiah 3:9-12

The expression of their faces bears witness against them, and they display their sin like Sodom. They do not *even* conceal *it*. Woe to them! For they have brought evil on themselves. Say to the righteous that *it will go well with them*, for *they* will eat the fruit of *their* actions. Woe to the wicked! *It will go badly with him*, for what *he* deserves will be done to *him*. O My people! Their oppressors are children, and women rule over them. O My people! Those who guide you lead *you* astray and confuse the direction of your paths.



Jeremiah 23:14

Also among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen a horrible thing: the committing of adultery and walking in falsehood; and they strengthen the hands of evil-doers so that no one has turned back from his wickedness. All of them have become to Me like Sodom, and her inhabitants like Gomorrah.

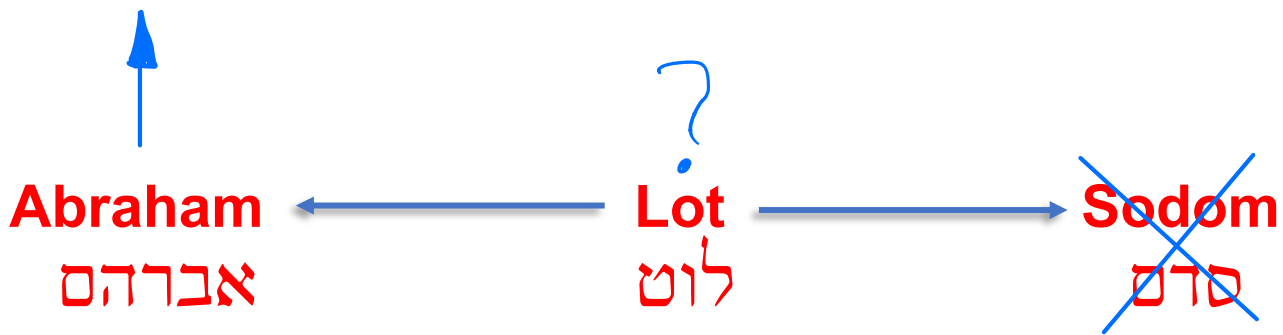


Ezekiel 16:49

Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy.



Abomination!



- Chooses the “non-option” (13:8-11)
- Does not learn from his mistakes (ch.14)
- Ashamed of his circumstances (19:1-3)
- Is a “joke” to his family (19:14)
- Hesitant to obey (19:6)
- Everything seems “too hard” (19:17-20)
- Brings destruction to his wife (19:26)
- Children develop a warped view (19:31-38)
- Fades into oblivion
- But still called “righteous” (2 Peter 2:7-8)

~~שחט~~

(*shachat*) “**slaughter**”

~~זבח~~

(*zevach*) “**sacrifice**”

~~קרבן~~

(*korban*) “**burnt offering**”

עלה

(*olah*) “**offer up**”

Abraham

Isaac

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Q: By what are you dominated?

Your personality?

or

God's Word?