

The Story of Lot

BAD DECISIONS MADE BY A GOOD MAN

2 Peter 2:4-8

- Lot in the Old Testament. Genesis 11-19
- Lot in the New Testament. Luke 17:29, 32; 2 Peter 2:7-8

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“... and delivered **righteous** Lot, sore distressed by the lascivious life of the wicked ...” (2 Peter 2:7).

dikaïos, in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God (Thayer)

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“Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran. And Haran begat **Lot**. ... And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, **his son's son**, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife. And they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan. And they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.” (Genesis 11:27,31)

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“And Abram took Sarai his wife, and **Lot his brother's son**, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran. And they went forth to go into the land of Canaan. And into the land of Canaan they came.” (Genesis 12:5)

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“And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, **and Lot with him**, into the South. And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.” (Genesis 13:1-2)

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“And the land was not able to bear **them**, that they might dwell together. For their substance was great ... And there was a strife ... And Abram said unto **Lot**, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between us and thee, ... For we are brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me. If (thou wilt take) the left hand, then I will go to the right. Or if (thou take) the right hand, then I will go to the left.” (Genesis 13:6-9)

Crisis

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- Lot Lifted **His Eyes and Saw** (Genesis 13:10; cf. 2 Corinthians 4:17)
- Lot Chose **For Himself** (Genesis 13:11; cf. Abram verse 18)
- Lot pitched His Tent **as far as** Sodom (Genesis 13:12; cf. 14:12)

Lot, How Did it Work Out for You?

Lot: Made a greedy, selfish, compromising, decision!

1. How did it help you **Spiritually?**
 - Genesis 18:20; 19:1ff; 2 Peter 2:7; 1 Corinthians 15:33; 2 Corinthians 6:14-16; Proverbs 12:26

Lot, How Did it Work Out for You?

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1. How did it help you **Spiritually?**
2. How did it help your **Family?**
 - Wife destroyed. Genesis 19:26
 - Daughters committed incest with him. Genesis 19:30

Lot, How Did it Work Out for You?

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1. How did it help you **Spiritually?**
2. How did it help your **Family?**
3. How did it help **Sodom?**
 - Not persuaded. Genesis 19:1, 9, 14; cf. Deuteronomy 21:19; Genesis 18:22ff
 - Our word "sodomite."

Matthew 5:13-16

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1. How did it help you **Spiritually?**
2. How did it help your **Family?**
3. How did it help **Sodom?**
4. How much **Money** did you make?
 - All destroyed. Genesis 19:24ff; Luke 12:20

2 Peter 3:10

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" (Mark. 8:36)

DECISIONS