

# Sodom Should Have Known Better

## Background

- Genesis 10:15-19 is the first mention of Sodom. It was occupied by the Canaanites (descendents of Noah through Ham).
- Genesis 13:10-13 tells that Lot chose this area. Sodom is described as wicked.
- Genesis 14:1-4 tells of Sodom's fight for their freedom.
- Genesis 14:5-11 tells of Sodom's defeat.
- Lot is captured in the battle (Genesis 14:12).
- Abraham rescues Lot (Genesis 14:13-16). The good news is spread.
- The King of Sodom meets Abraham (Genesis 14:17).
- Melchizedek meets, blesses, and preaches to Abraham (Genesis 14:18-20).
- Sodom's King is worldly (Genesis 14:21).
- Abraham is God-fearing and honoring (Genesis 14:22-24).

## The Advantages of Sodom

- They were blessed by God, through Abraham (with the return of Lot).
- They witnessed the amazing power of Abraham's God.
- They saw the godly example of Abraham.
  - Love for others
  - Love for God
  - True submission
  - Peace and protection that come from God
- They (may or may not) have been privy to Melchizedek's exchange with Abraham.
- Opportunities to change (like this) do not come every day!

## What did they do?

- They wasted this opportunity.
  - Forgot Abraham's example
  - Did nothing with God's goodness
- Abraham is 90 years old in Genesis 17:1, and he is "old and well stricken in age" in Genesis 18:11. Sodom wicked (Genesis 18:20); in fact, they are so wicked that not even 10 righteous souls can be found (Genesis 18:32).

## Word Find

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| <b>Bera</b>         | <b>Horites</b>  | <b>Seir</b>     | <b>Kadesh</b>      |
| <b>Chedorlaomer</b> | <b>Siddim</b>   | <b>Abram</b>    | <b>Lot</b>         |
| <b>Damascus</b>     | <b>Shaveh</b>   | <b>Salem</b>    | <b>Melchizedek</b> |
| <b>Most</b>         | <b>High</b>     | <b>Eshcol</b>   | <b>Mamre</b>       |

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