

Fire & Brimstone 1:

Principles of Salvation

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Genesis 18 - 22

Genesis 18:1

וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה בְּאֵלֵי נֵי מַמְרֵא
וְהוּא יֹשֵׁב בְּפֶתַח-הָאֵהֶל כְּחֹם הַיּוֹם:

- Va-Ye-Ra E-Lav Ye-Ho-Va Be-E-Lo-Nei Mam-Re
Ve-Hu Yo-Shev Pe-Takh-Ha-O-Hel Ke-Khom Ha-Yom
- And YHVH appeared to him by the terebinths of Mamre,
as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

“Fire and Brimstone” - 2 parts:

- The deliverance of Lot - “Principles of Salvation”
 - The destruction of Sodom and Gomorah
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- Fire and brimstone and hail in Scripture
 - How/when this occurs, scientifically
 - When we might expect this in the future

Genesis 19

- 10 But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door.
- 11 Then they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, and they wearied themselves to find the door.

Genesis 19

- 12 And the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city - bring them out of this place!”
- 13 For we are going to **destroy** this place, because the cry against them has grown great before the face of YHVH, and YHVH has sent us to **destroy** it.

Genesis 19

- 14 And Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, “Get up, get out of this place, for YHVH is going to **destroy** this city!” But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be as one joking.
- 15 And when morning dawned, the messengers urged Lot to hurry, saying, “Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be **consumed** in the punishment of the city.”

Genesis 19

- 16 And while he loitered, the men took hold of his hand, and his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, YHVH having compassion on him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.
- 17 And it came to be, when they had brought them outside, that he said, “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be **consumed**.”

Genesis 19

- 18 And Lot said to them, “Oh no, YHVH!”
- 19 “Look, please, your servant has found favor in your eyes, and you have increased your loving-commitment which you have shown me by saving my life, but I am unable to escape to the mountains, lest calamity overtake me and I die.
- 20 “Look, please, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is small. Please let me escape there - is it not a small matter - and let my life be saved?”

Genesis 19

- 21 And He said to him, “Look, I have avored you concerning this matter also, without overthrowing this city for which you have spoken.
- 22 Hurry, escape there. For I am not able to do any deed until you arrive there. So the name of the city was called Tso'ar.

Genesis 19

- 23 The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Tso'ar.
- 24 And YHVH rained sulphur and fire on Sedom and Amorah, from YHVH out of the heavens.
- 25 So He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

Genesis 19

- 26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became **a post of salt**.
- 27 And Abraham **arose early in the morning** *and went to* the place where he had stood before YHVH,
- 28 and he looked toward Sedom and Amorah, and toward all the land of the plain.

Genesis 19

- 28 And he looked and saw **the smoke** of the land which **went up like the smoke of a furnace**.
- 29 Thus it came to be, when Elohim **destroyed** the cities of the plain, that Elohim remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.

Genesis 19

- 30 And Lot went up out of Tso'ar and dwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters were with him, for he was afraid to dwell in Tso'ar. And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave.
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Principles of Salvation

- We are pulled into the house by messengers (vs 10)
- The door is shut to those outside “the house” (Jer. 31, Rom 11)
- Outsiders blinded, wearying themselves to find the door. (vs 11)
- All of Lot’s descendants would be saved, including son in laws, or those “grafted in” to the family “tree,” by covenant. (vs 12)
- We are warned of coming judgment and destruction. (vs 13)
- We are to warn others of coming judgment and destruction (vs14)

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- Loitering, (disobeying “Hurry...”), we are “brought out,” by compassion, (v 16)
- We are “set outside” the city (set apart, holy) (vs 16)
- We are not to “look back, or stay, *anywhere* in” (vs 17)
- We argue, disobey (“Oh NO, YHVH!”, “I am unable...”) (vs 18)
- “Small matters,” “and ...be saved” (vs 20)
- He favors us, and “the city” for which we have “spoken” (vs 21)

Principles of Salvation

- Even *after* being delivered (saved), we can “look back” (go back, or stay, backslide) and be **consumed**. (vs 26)
- We are “saved” because Yah remembers Abraham. (vs 29)
- We eventually find out that obeying His will is best. (vs 30)
- We *are* able to do what He commands us. (vss 19, 30)

- Next time: **Fire and Brimstone 2: And HAIL...**