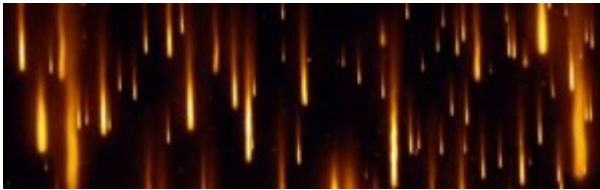


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Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed

19: 1-29



The nighttime events of **Chapter 19** present an obvious contrast with those of **Chapter 18**, which occurred in the bright noonday sun. The details in this chapter are as disturbing as the other was full of promise. The life of **Lot** was as fruitless as the life of **Avraham** was full of promise. The previous chapter ended with **Abraham** interceding for the righteous of **Sodom and Gomorrah**, whereas this chapter ends with drunken incest in a cave.

Unfortunately, we have both kinds among believers today, those living a fruitful life and those living a fruitless life. Fruitless believers are those who have really made a mess of their lives; they have gotten entirely out of the will of **ADONAI**. I would not suggest even for a moment that they have lost their salvation, but they sure have lost everything else. As Rabbi Sha'ul said, they are **saved, but**, as **Lot** would discover, **only as one escaping through the flames (First Corinthians 3:15)**.³¹⁴