

Genesis 18:16—19:38

¹⁶ After standing-up from there, the men went-down upon the face of Control (Sodom) and Tyranny (Gomorrah). And We-Are-Protected (Abraham) was journeying with them, while escorting them. ¹⁷ And the Lord said,

“I myself will not hide from We-Are-Protected my dependent the things I myself am doing. ¹⁸ And We-Are-Protected will become an ethnicity, great and large, and all the ethnicities of the earth will be blessed through it. ¹⁹ For it has been perceived that he will command his sons and his house after him and they will protect the Ways of the Lord—to practice righteousness and justice so that the Lord might bring-upon We-Are-Protected all things, as much as he said to him.”

²⁰ And the Lord said,

“The cry of Control and Tyranny has multiplied and their violence is very great. ²¹ Therefore, after going-down, I will see if they are completing according to their cry which is coming to me or if not, so that I might know.”

²² And after turning-away from there, the men came into Control. And We-Are-Protected was standing before the Lord. ²³ And after coming-near, We-Are-Protected said,

“You would never destroy a righteous person with the irreverent so the righteous person will be like the irreverent. ²⁴ If there might be fifty righteous ones in the city, will you destroy them? Will you not spare the whole place because of fifty righteous ones, if they might be within it? ²⁵ Never will you do like this word—to kill a righteous person with the irreverent so the righteous will be as the irreverent. Never will the judge of all the earth make such a judgment!”

²⁶ And the Lord said,

“If I might find in Control fifty righteous in the city, then I will forgive the whole place because of them.”

²⁷ And answering, We-Are-Protected said,

“Now I have begun to speak to the Lord, even though I myself am earth and ashes. ²⁸ And if the fifty righteous ones might be five less, then will you destroy all the city because of the five?”

And he said,

“I will never destroy it if I might find forty-five.”

²⁹ And he continued still to speak to him and said,

“And if forty might be found there?”

And he said,

“I will never destroy it because of the forty.”

³⁰ And he said,

“Not certain, Lord, if I should speak, but if thirty might be found there?”

And he said,

“I will never destroy it if I might find thirty there.”

³¹ And he said,

“Since I am having to speak to the Lord, and if twenty might be found there?”

And he said,

“I will never destroy it because of the twenty.”

³² And he said,

“Not certain, Lord, if I should speak at all, but if ten might be found there?”

And he said,

“I will never destroy it because of the ten.”

³³ And the Lord went-away as he paused speaking to We-Are-Protected. And We-Are-Protected returned to his place.

^{19.1} And the two angels came into Control (Sodom) in the evening. And Covered (Lot) was sitting by the gate of Control. And seeing, Covered stood-up to meet with them and became-like-a-dog with his face upon the earth. ² And he said,

“Lords, you must recline in the house of your dependent and you must rest and you must wash your feet! And after getting-up-early, you will go-away on your way.”

And they said,

“No, we will rest in the wide-street.”

³ And he was forcing them and they reclined with him and entered into his house. And he made a feast for them and baked unleavened-bread for them, and they ate. ⁴ Before going-to-bed, then the men of the city, the Controllers, surrounded the house—from young to old, all the people gathered. ⁵ And they called-out for Covered and were saying to him,

“Where are the men, those entering with you at night? You must lead them out to us so that we might become-intimate with them!”

⁶ And Covered came-out to them at the front-door and the door was shut behind him. ⁷ And he said to them,

“Never! Brothers, you must not do-ugliness! ⁸ And there are two daughters of mine who have not known a man. I will lead them out to you and you must treat them however it might please you. Only to these men you must do nothing unrighteous because you must not act unrighteously toward these men, because they entered under the protection of my beams!”

⁹ And they said,

“You must let-go there! As one-person you came to live-away-from-home and not to judge a judgment! Therefore, now we

will harm you more than those!”

And they were aggressively forcing-past the man Covered and came-near to break the door. ¹⁰ And after extending hands, the men pulled Covered to themselves into the house and locked the door of the house. ¹¹ And they struck the men at the door of the house with blindness, from small to great, and they were disabled while seeking the door. ¹² And the men said to Covered,

“Who is here with you? In-laws or sons or daughters? If another is with you in the city, you must lead them out of this place!

¹³ Because we ourselves are destroying this place because their cry has been lifted-up before the Lord and the Lord sent us out to rub-out the city.”

¹⁴ Covered went-out and spoke to his in-laws who had received his daughters and said,

“You must stand-up and come-out from this place because the Lord is rubbing-out this city!”

But he seemed to be joking to his in-laws. ¹⁵ And when sunrise was happening, the angels were speeding Covered, saying,

“You must stand-up! You must take your woman and your two daughters and you must come-out so that you might not be destroyed-together by the lawlessness of the city!”

¹⁶ And they were troubled and the angels grabbed his hand and his woman’s hand and the hands of his two daughters—for the Lord was sparing him. ¹⁷ And it happened when they led them outside and they said,

“While escaping, you must save your-own soul! You must not look-around to what is behind! You should never stand in any region! To the mountain you must escape so you might never be taken-away!”

¹⁸ And Covered said to them,

“I am begging, Lord! ¹⁹ Since your dependent found mercy before you and you increased your righteousness—what you are doing so my soul may live—but I myself will never be able to escape to the mountain! The harmful-things might take me down and I might die! ²⁰ Look, this city is near, I can flee there—it is small! I will be saved there, which is not a small thing! And my soul will live!”

²¹ And he said to him,

“Look, I am amazed at your face and at this word to not overturn the city about which you spoke. ²² Therefore, you must speed to escape there, for I will not be able to do a thing until you enter there.”

Because of this he called that city Insignificant (Zoar). ²³ The sun came-out upon the earth and Covered entered into Insignificant. ²⁴ And the Lord rained upon Control and Tyranny sulfur and fire out of heaven. ²⁵ And he overturned these cities and all the surrounding-habitation around them and all those housing in the cities and all the things springing-up from the earth. ²⁶ And his woman looked-upon the things behind and became a pillar of salt.

²⁷ And We-Are-Protected got-up-early in the morning in the place where he had stood before the Lord. ²⁸ And he looked-upon the face of Control and Tyranny and upon the face of the land of the region. And he saw and, look, a flame of the earth was coming-up of the earth like the exhaust of a furnace. ²⁹ And it happened when the Lord rubbed-out all the cities of the surrounding-habitation, the Creator remembered We-Are-Protected. And he sent-out Covered from the middle of the catastrophe in which the Lord overturned the cities in which Covered was housing. ³⁰ And Covered came-up from Insignificant and sat on the mountain and his two daughters with him. For he feared to house-in Insignificant and he housed in a cave, he and his two daughters with him. ³¹ And the older-daughter said to the younger,

“Our father is an old-man and there is no one upon the earth who will enter into us as it is coming-down upon all the earth. ³²

Come and we should water our father with wine and we should bed with him and we should stand-up a seed from our father.”

³³ And they watered their father with wine on that night. And after entering, the older-one bedded with her father that night. And he was not aware when she bedded and when she stood-up. ³⁴ And it happened on the next-day and the older said to the younger,

“Look, I bedded yesterday with our father. We should water him with wine also this night and after entering, you must bed with him and we should stand-up a seed from our father.”

³⁵ And they also watered that night their father with wine and after entering, the younger bedded with her father. And he was not aware when she bedded and when she stood-up. ³⁶ And the two daughters of Covered became-pregant from their father. ³⁷ And the older birthed a son and called his name Fatherless (Moab), saying, “He is from my father.” This one is the father of the Fatherless-Ones (Moabites) until today’s day. ³⁸ And the younger birthed a son and she called his name My-Family (Ammon), saying, “He is the son of my group.” This one is the father of the My-Family-Ones (Ammonites) until today’s day.