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# Pearl Seeking

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## TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Gen. 18	Yahweh visits <u>A</u> braham; Sarah is going to have Yitshaq; <u>A</u> braham bargains with Yahweh
Tuesday:	Gen. 19	The story of <u>S</u> edom and Amorah; The origin of <u>M</u> o'ab and Ammon
Wednesday:	Gen. 20	Sarah and <u>A</u> bimelek
Thursday:	Gen. 21	The birth of Yitshaq; <u>A</u> braham sends Hagar and Yishma'el away; <u>A</u> braham and <u>A</u> bimelek make a covenant
Friday:	Gen. 22	Elohim tests <u>A</u> braham, <u>A</u> braham offers up Yitshaq; The covenant is re-established

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will be covering the story of Lot's rescue from Sedom and Amorah. Now, let's read Gen. 18 & 19:1-29.

## PARSHA POINTS

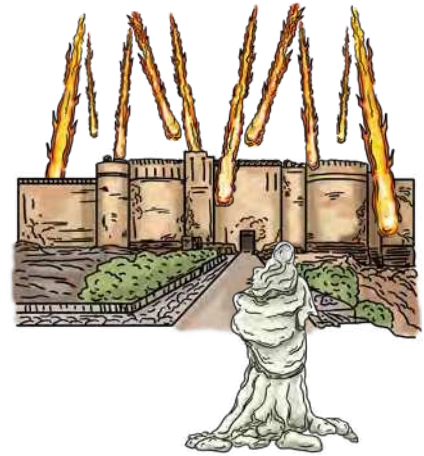
- Yahweh appeared to Abraham by the terebinth (oak) trees of Mamre - 18:1
- Abraham lifted his eyes and saw 3 (**shalosh**) men from his tent - 18:2
- Abraham asked Yahweh to visit with him if he had found favor in His eyes - 18:3
- Abraham had his visitors wash their feet - 18:4
- Abraham served his visitors bread, curds, milk and a calf as a meal - 18:5-8
- The visitors told Abraham that Sarah was finally going to have a baby boy - 18:10
- Sarah laughed to herself when she heard that she was finally going to have a baby in her old age - 18:12
- Yahweh asked Abraham why Sarah laughed - 18:13
- The men told Abraham that there was no matter too hard for Yahweh to do, and that 9 (**tesha**) months from then she would have a son - 18:14
- Sarah denied that she laughed because she was afraid, but Yahweh told Sarah that she did laugh - 18:15
- Yahweh stayed with Abraham and sent the other 2 (**shtayim**) men to see the sins of Sedom and Amorah, where Lot was living with his family - 18:16-22



- Yahweh told Abraham the fate of Sedom and Amorah because Abraham had guarded the way of Yahweh and did righteousness and right-ruling in his walk - 18:17-21
- Abraham appealed to Yahweh by saying things like...as he began to bargain with Yahweh (18:23-32):
  - "Would you also destroy the righteous with the wrong?"
  - "Far be it for you to act in this way"
  - "Does not the Judge of all the earth not do right?"
  - "I who am but dust and ashes"
  - "Let not Yahweh be displeased"
  - "I have taken it upon myself to speak to Yahweh"
  - "Let me speak only this time"
- Abraham tried to save the city where Lot and his family lived by asking Yahweh would He destroy the place if there were (18:24-32):
  - 50 (**chamishim**) righteous?
  - 45 (**arba'im v'chamesh**) righteous?
  - 40 (**arba'im**) righteous?
  - 30 (**shloshim**) righteous?
  - 20 (**esrim**) righteous?
  - 10 (**eser**) righteous?
- After Yahweh answered Abraham for the final time, He went away - 18:33
- The 2 messengers arrived in Sedom in the evening and Lot invited them to his home - 19:1-2
- Lot made a feast with unleavened bread for the 2 messengers to eat - 19:3
- Sinful men - both old and young - surrounded Lot's home - 19:4
- Lot went out to talk to the men and reason with them - 19:6-7
- The men refused to leave and tried to break down Lot's door to get in - 19:9
- The 2 messengers pulled Lot back into his home and struck the people at the door with blindness - 19:10-11
- The 2 messengers told Lot to take all his family out of Sedom because Yahweh had sent them to destroy the city - 19:12-13
- Lot's sons-in-law thought Lot was joking - 19:14
- In the morning, the 2 messengers took the hand of Lot, his wife and his 2 daughters and set them outside the city, because they had compassion on them - 19:15-16
- The 2 messengers told Lot and his family NOT to look behind them nor to stay anywhere near the city, but to flee to the mountains or else they would be consumed - 19:17



- Like his uncle Abraham (19:19-22):
  - Lot recognized that he had favor and was shown kindness by the 2 messengers saving his life
  - Lot also bargained with the 2 messengers because of their kindness, and asked if he could instead go to another nearby city named Tso'ar
- Yahweh rained down sulfur (gophrith) and fire (aish) on Sedom and Amorah from heaven - 19:24
- Lot's wife didn't follow the instruction given by the 2 messengers and looked back at the city, and became a post (pillar) (netsiv) of salt (melach) - 19:17, 26
- Abraham saw the smoke from Sedom and Amorah from where he lived - 19:27-28
- Elohim had remembered Abraham when He spared Lot and his family - 19:29



## DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- In the last parsha (17:5), Yahweh changed Abram's name to Abraham. Discuss what the names mean and why it was changed. Find Scriptural support.
- Discuss that Yahweh (Yeshua) was one of the 3 men who visited Abraham and why this is important. (18:2-3, 15)
- Notice that milk and meat were served together at the meal that Abraham gave to Yahweh (Yeshua). (18:8) Talk about the significance of this.
- Explain the meanings of guard, righteousness and right-ruling. (18:19)
- Let's talk about some verses which support that Yahweh (Yeshua) is the judge of all the earth. (18:25; also see Is. 33:22, Ps. 50:6; 75:7, Jas. 4:12)
- In this parsha we see homosexuality mentioned for the very first time. (19:5) How does Yahweh view this? Find Scriptural references to support this and discuss.
- Look at other Scriptural references to Sedom and Amorah's destruction and discuss. (19:24, 28)