

and needy. They were unaware that God was watching their every motive and deed. What He saw was “abomination.” *Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hands of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.* [Ezekiel 16:49, 50].

*Abomination: to loath, detest with excessive hatred or disgust.

No matter how easy or hard life is man is accountable to his Creator. *For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.* [Proverbs 5:21]. Sodom and Gomorrah forgot that principle and it led them into a downward spiral.

II. SODOM FORGETS GOD – IDOLATRY

The Bible speaks of nations and individuals forgetting God. When we forget God we act as though He does not exist. We take credit for our material progress or successes, when in fact, they come from God. *Every way of man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.* [Proverbs 21:2]. But God does exist and He weighs and considers carefully our every thought, motive and action. Sodom ignored this truth, was unthankful for its blessings, and put itself in peril. *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.* [Romans 1:21-22, 25]. *The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.* [Psalm 14:1a]. When anyone forgets God they seek to replace Him with the works of their own hands, whether it be self-worship, religious idols or money and material things. God calls them all fools. Idolatry leads people downward into lower and lower moral debasement.

III. SODOM’S MORAL COLLAPSE

The terms Sodom and sodomite are found in 18 books of the Bible, and always in a negative sense of abominable sin and judgment. *But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.* [Genesis 14:13]. Nowhere in the Bible is such a scathing denunciation made by God against an individual or nation.

Sodom’s moral condition is shown in Genesis 19. The LORD Himself, and two angels with Him, all in human form, appeared to Abraham on the plains of Mamre. *And the LORD said (to Abraham), Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. And the men (2 angels) turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD (in human form). The LORD told Abraham that He would not destroy the city if He could find ten righteous persons there. But He could not.*

The two angels, in male human form, entered the city. Abraham’s nephew, Lot, urged them not to abide in the street, but to stay the night at his house. He knew what would happen to them in the street. *But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in unto thee this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may ****know** them. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man (virgins); let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes; only unto these men do nothing; for therefore they came under the shadow of my roof.* [Genesis 19:4-8]. These men intended to sodomize Lot’s two visitors.

****know** them: In context; men who wanted to have unnatural sexual intercourse (sodomize/sodomy) with the two men.

Word had spread rapidly throughout the city that two new visitors had come to Lot’s house. Men, “*both old and young,*” converged “*from every quarter*” with the sole purpose of raping and sodomizing these men. The widespread acceptance of sodomy in that society had behind it a ‘sodomite agenda;” that is, older men recruiting young males into homosexuality. Influential people in Sodom probably supported this depravity, making it easier to access the young, even children, of both sexes. The suffering and cry caused by this abuse reached Heaven, and God prepared to act.

Public acceptance, indifference to, and practise of sexual immorality had increased the sodomites’ boldness to demand that even Lot, a leader in the city, “*bring them out unto us, that we may know (sodomize) them.*” When Lot refused, they turned on him; and only the angels’ intervention saved him from being sodomized himself. So depraved was their condition that, though blinded by the angels, *they wearied themselves to find the door.*” [v. 11]. They were consumed by their fleshly lusts.

Lot’s neighbours did not intervene to help him and his two visitors. Their consciences had become seared, and those who might have wanted to help feared for their own lives. That is the progression from passive acceptance to legal protection of sodomite ‘rights.’ The whole population had become *****reprobate**, and were marked for destruction. *And the men (the two angels) said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.* [Genesis 19:12-13]. Sadly, his married children laughed at the warning and perished the ensuing conflagration.

***** reprobate:** God-forsaken, as beyond all redemption; foreordained to eternal destruction; excluded from salvation by divine decree; rejected.

Gross immorality and unnatural sexual sins, unrepented of, leads an individual or group of people,

even a nation into a deeper and deeper spiral of wickedness and debauchery. God will take His hand off of such a people and allow them to go on into His judgment and eternal damnation. *Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: For this cause God gave them up unto vile (morally base or impure) affections: for even their women did change the natural use (of a husband-in heterosexual marriage) to that which is against nature (Lesbianism); And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman (of a wife-in heterosexual marriage), burned in their lust one toward another; men with ********(homosexuality/sodomy) men working that which is unseemly (indecent), and receiving in themselves that recompense (repayment) of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.* [Romans 1:24, 26-28].

******** homosexual/lesbian: feeling sexual attraction to a person of the same sex. Sodomy/sodomite: unnatural sexual intercourse between males, or of human beings with animals.

God had finished working in Sodom and Gomorrah. There was no preacher or message of repentance to give the people opportunity of salvation. He had given up on the whole city’s population. They were beyond hope of repentance and could not be saved. Lot only, was spared. He despaired of the wickedness going on around him. He was a saved man but backslidden, and unable to help even his own family. *And delivered just (saved) Lot, vexed (grieved and distressed) by the filthy conversation (mode of living) of the wicked: (For that righteous (saved) man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)* [II Peter 2:7-8].

Lot’s worldly ambitions and lack of separation led him downward spiritually in that wicked place. He was willing to sacrifice his two unmarried daughters to the sodomite mob. *Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray*

you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. [Genesis 19:8]. As the situation deteriorated, Lot was given the warning, GET OUT OF SODOM!

IV. SODOM'S DOOM

And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he (the angel) said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain, escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. [Genesis 19:15, 17, 24-25]. Lot's wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. [v. 26].

Abraham witnessed God's judgment, and the sudden death of possibly hundreds of thousands of persons in one morning. And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD: And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace. [Genesis 19:27-28]. The never-dying souls of these people perished, and are burning in Hell today over 3900 years (Usher's dates) later. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to ****fornication, and going after *****strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. [Jude 7].

**** fornication: unlawful sexual intercourse by an unmarried person, especially when both parties are unmarried.

***** strange flesh: unnatural, not one's own, queer – referring to homosexual/sodomite sexual acts.

V. GOD'S VERDICT ON SODOM

Jesus spoke of Sodom's demise. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. [Luke 17:28-29]. God's judgment came suddenly and unexpected upon the people of Sodom.

Sodom and Gomorrah had perverted God's natural order, established at creation: And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her to the man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. [Genesis 2:22, 24]. And so, God's plan to populate the earth with mankind was carried on from that time forward. And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain...And she again bare his brother Abel. [Genesis 4:1, 2 pt.]. Jesus spoke of God's institution of heterosexual marriage. And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. [Matthew 19:4, 5, 6 pt.]. Homosexuality is a sinful choice, and an affront to the Creator.

The nation of Israel understood that sodomy was a sin, and a detriment to society; for God's law stated, There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. [Deuteronomy 23:17]. Israel's righteous kings did all they could to prevent sodomy from corrupting their society as it had done in Sodom and Gomorrah. And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father. And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. [1 Kings 15:11-12]. And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he (King Jehoshaphat) took out of the land. King Josiah, brake down the houses of the

sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, [1 Kings 23:7 pt.].

VI. THE END TIMES RE-EMERGENCE OF SODOM

Homosexual males have re-defined the practise of sodomy in recent years by calling themselves 'gays.' The word, gay, as defined in the Winston College Dictionary of the 1940s, is as follows:

Gay: full of, or inclined to mirth; light-hearted, sportive, showy, bright-colored, given to social indulgence, wanton.

The definition says nothing about homosexuality, except to say that 'gay' behavior can be wanton, which is also a derogatory term meaning, in context, a man or woman of loose, immoral habits. The 'gay lifestyle' fits sodomites' behavior which is, at the very least, 'promiscuous' and opportunistic. Modern "Pride Parades" showcase this behaviour in cities across the Western world. Hundreds of thousands of people watch these parades, not realizing that the end game for the sodomites is a twenty-first century society not unlike that of Sodom and Gomorrah. It will be worldwide (see map below) and is currently being protected by law and promoted in the government school systems in the Western nations.

If our nation does not reverse its policies and laws concerning the 'Sodomite Agenda,' it will face God's judgment, as did Sodom and Gomorrah.

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people (Proverbs 14:34)



Note: All definitions in this tract are from The Winston College Dictionary, early 1940s. CW

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SODOM AND GOMORRAH



Lot escaping the overthrow of Sodom

The account of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah is mentioned in 16 Books in the Old and New Testaments. Jesus spoke of them in Luke 17:29: But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. The Bible speaks much about the fate of these cities.

I. THE SETTING AND CULTURE OF SODOM

Sodom and the nearby cities of Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboim and Zoar were situated on the fertile plains of the Jordan River to the east of the mountains of Judea. The valley was beautiful and very productive agriculturally because of the warm Mediterranean climate. Abram's nephew Lot chose this valley for his cattle. And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. [Genesis 14:10].

Sodom and Gomorrah's culture developed around their success and high standard of living. Plenty and prosperity made life easy. The people had everything they wanted, except God. Sadly, they became proud, materialistic and careless about their lives. A very lazy, inactive lifestyle characterized their society. Arrogance and a sense of entitlement led the majority of the people to show contempt and selfishness toward the poor