**2Pt 2:7** **Lessons from Lot ©2019 WF Cobb Truthbase.net *DailyTruthbase.blogspot***

Jude 7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance/judgment of The Age fire.

2Pt 2:5 flood on the world of the ungodly 6...Sodom...example to those who afterward would live ungodly; 7 and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed/vexed/weighed down by the wanton-unrestrained caprice/conduct of the wicked 8 (for that **righteous** man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) ---9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,10 and especially those who walk acc to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed....

**I. The Righteous** **do what is right** **in God's sight, but still experience trials and sometimes judgment** *cf Thayer/s 1a3) used of him whose way of thinking, feeling, and acting is wholly conformed to the. will of God, and who therefore needs no rectification in the heart or life*

Ezk 14:14 Noah, Daniel, and Job...were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,” says the Lord God.

Mt 1:19 Joseph her husband, being a just/righteous man, and not wanting to make her a public example, minded to put her away secretly

Mt 23:35 blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zacharias whom you slew between the temple and the altar Mk 6:20 John Baptist

\*Lk 1:5 priest Zacharias, wife Elizabeth 6 both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of Lord blameless.

 20 you will be mute until the day these things take place 'cse you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time

Lk 2:25 Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout,waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

Lk 23:50 Joseph, *(Jesus borrowed his tomb)* a council member, a good and just/righteous man 51 who was awaiting the kingdom of God

Acts 10:22 Cornelius centurion, just/righteous man, who fears God, has a good reputation...Jews..divinely instructed by a holy angel

**II. Righteous Lot experienced self inflicted distress** thru lack of fellowship with God and man (was slow to obey thru lack of trust in God/Word

*Hospitable, courageous, loyal to commandments, yet valuing success/comfort over community, temporal security over trustful obedience*

Gen 19:13 we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.14 So 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 the LORD will destroy this city!" But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking. 15 When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city."16 And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.17 So it came to pass, 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 destroyed." 18 Then Lot said to them, "Please, no, my lords! 19 Indeed now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have increased your *hesed* (cf v29 Lord remembered Abe) which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountain lest some evil overtake me and I die. 20 See now, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one; please let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live." 21 And he said to him, "See, I have favored you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken. 22 Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.23 The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar. 24 Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. 25 So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

**26** **But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.**

**III. Lot's Wife was delivered from judgment, but wrong values and disobedience resulted in forfeiting her blessing/life**

Lk 17:28 days of Lot: they ate, drank, bought, sold, planted, built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and them all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. 31 goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away...field, let him not turn back. *(cf Warning Passages in Hebrews in Dailytruthbase)*

 32 **Remember Lot's wife**. 33 Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, **not** having received the promises, but having seen/known/perceived them afar off were assured of them and embraced/persuaded of *kjv* them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind *impf* that country from which they had come out they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they **desire a bette**r, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed/disgraced *{from error of wrongly aligning with}* to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

2Pt 3:11 since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and **godliness**, 14 looking forward to these things *15x*, be diligent *11x* to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; 17 knowing this beforehand beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked. but **grow** in grace and knowledge of Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.

Lk 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcome with overindulgence, and drunkenness/escapism, and cares of this life, and *so* that Day come upon you **unawares**.

**IV. God both afflicted and blessed Israel thru Moab and Ammon - 2Chron 20** (three days to carry off the spoil!!)

**Questions for Reflection/Discussion/Response:**

1. How does your concept of and experiential righteousness match up with the examples of Scripture? How do you cf to Lk 21:34 (take heed)?

2. Do you think God is proud or ashamed to be called the Lord of most Christians? Would He call you a good example of a faithful believer?

3. How are you growing in grace, godliness, faith, hope, and love (2Thess 1:3)? What helps you grow? What hinders your growth?