



# "...as it WAS in the days of LOT.."



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**I**n the Gospel of Luke, the Pharisees demanded that Jesus tell them when the kingdom of God should come.

Jesus answered that the "kingdom of God cometh NOT with OBSERVATION because the "kingdom of God is WITHIN you" (LUKE 17:20, 21), but they did not understand his words, and neither do the vast majority of people today.

Jesus told his disciples that his return would come when the times we are living in are just as dark as when Noah preached, and the floods **CAME**, and, "...destroyed them ALL" (LUKE 17:26, 27).

**"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). Not **ONE** escaped!

But the people of Sodom were engaging in a familiar sin that is practiced worldwide today: The sin of Sodomy, or **HO-MOSEXUALITY**.

Interestingly, as our western militaries have allowed both gay and straight to serve together, Sodom's mingled armies went to war against a group of nations, and lost the battle. In that defeat, Lot was captured, and later rescued by Abraham and his men (GENESIS 14:2-10).

Later, two men (angels) sent from heaven, lodged in Lot's house in the evening, and the men of Sodom, "both OLD and YOUNG, ALL the people from EVERY quarter," surrounded Lot's home and demanded the two new-comers be sent out for the purpose, "...that we may KNOW them" (GENESIS 19:4-5).

Lot went out, and shutting the door behind him, said "...brethren, do not SO WICK-EDLY" and instead, he offered them his two virgin daughters, being greatly outnumbered. But they accused Lot of being **JUDGMENTAL** and said, "This one fel-low [LOT] came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a JUDGE" (GENESIS 19:4-9).

Even after the men were blinded by the two angels, "they WEARIED THEM-

**SELVES to find the door"** (GENESIS 19:11) to satisfy their **CRAVING** for **STRANGE FLESH**:

*"...Sodom and Gomorrha, 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 1:7).

God said that "...the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord EX-CEEDINGLY" (GENESIS 13:13). The "cry" of their sin was so "**GREAT**" and their sin was so "**VERY GRIEVOUS**" (GENESIS 18:20) before God, that He "...rained...BRIMSTONE AND FIRE...out of heaven" (GENESIS 19:24).

As Lot was "**...VEXED with the FILTHY CONVERSATION of the wicked...that righteous man dwelling AMONG them, in SEE-ING and HEARING**" (2 PETER 2:7-9), TRUE Christians are **ALSO VEXED** in these last days with the openness of this vile sin.

Homosexuality is one of the most **UN-NATURAL** and **DISGUSTING sins** MAN can commit, aside from the sin of **BESTI-ALITY**, which is sexual relations between a human being and an animal.

God condemned **BOTH OF THESE SINS TOGETHER** when he commanded the children of Israel through Moses:

*"Thou shalt not LIE WITH MANKIND, as with WOMANKIND: it is abomination. NEITHER shalt thou LIE WITH ANY BEAST to defile thyself therewith: NEI-THER shall any woman STAND BE-FORE A BEAST to LIE DOWN thereto: it is CONFUSION"* (LEVITICUS 18:22-23).

But hasn't the homosexual community, and indeed the whole world heard these words before? Sure they have, and they've rejected them, as the scripture declares: "Knowing THIS FIRST, that there shall come in the last days SCOFFERS, WALKING AFTER their OWN lusts" (2 PETER 3:3).

God does not **HATE homosexuals** any-more than he **HATES murderers**, for God has "**...NO PLEASURE in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked TURN FROM HIS WAY AND LIVE: turn ye,**

*turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die...*" (EZEKIEL 33:11)?

Neither do **TRUE Christians** hate homosexu-als. But this world's display of **HATRED** to-wards sinners comes from **HIRELINGS**, who "**...CARETH NOT for the sheep**" (JOHN 10:13).

**YET** still, "**...God is ANGRY with the wicked EVERY day**" (PSALM 7:11) and God "**...WILL NOT AT ALL ACQUIT the wicked**" (NAHUM 1:3).



**NEITHER** shall all of those who are "**...EFFEMINATE [A BOY WHO HAS A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH A MAN], nor ABUSERS OF THEMSELVES with mankind [A SODO-MITE]**" (1 COR. 6:9-10) will God **ACQUIT**.

**MOST** people today believe that homosexu-ality is a **NATURAL** occurrence, but **IF** you are born of the Spirit, then He reveals to you **TRUTH**.

This new birth "...has been hidden from ages and from generations, but NOW is made manifest to his saints [NOT SAINTS THAT ARE MAN-MADE]...which is CHRIST IN YOU, the hope of glory" (COL. 1:26-27).

Jesus told his disciples, "...the Spirit of TRUTH...dwelleth with you, and shall be IN you" (JOHN 14:17), and "...he will GUIDE you into ALL TRUTH" (JOHN 16:13), even the **TRUTH** concerning homosexuality.

There is only **ONE WAY** to obtain this new birth: "For God so LOVED the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that WHOSO-EVER BELIEVETH IN HIM should not per-ish, but HAVE everlasting life" (JOHN 3:16).

True Freedom from the **BONDAGE** of sin is to "**...BELIEVE ON the Lord Jesus Christ**" (ACTS 16:31), "**...and ye shall KNOW THE TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall MAKE YOU FREE. If the SON...shall make you FREE, ye shall be FREE INDEED**" (JOHN 8:32, 36).