

## Warning In Biblical History

**Our lesson will study FIVE aspects of the WARNING in BIBLICAL HISTORY from the five city-state federation of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboiim, and Zoar, to the USA.**

### **1. The glaring historical illustration that God used as a warning to other Postdiluvian nations was the judgment of five city-states national federation (Gen.18-19).**

After the Antediluvian flood, in the Postdiluvian world we identify mankind by nations and languages.

(Gen.10-11). **Antediluvian world was destroyed by water because of the nephilim:** “in the same way as evil of the Antediluvian world” (Gen.3:15; 6-9; Jude 6; 2 Pet.2:4-5; 3:5-6; Matt.24:37-41)

(A reminder to the Postdiluvian civilization). The rainbow was **one of several reminders linking** the Antediluvian covenant and judgment to Postdiluvian period and civilization (**Gen.8:20-22; 9:11-17**).

**The Postdiluvian world will be destroyed by fire:** “In the same way as Sodom of 21st century BC is a reminder to 1st century AD” and to the 21st century AD nations” (2 Pet.2:6-9; 3:7-13).

### **2. Judgment of the Sodom federation was the second warning to Postdiluvian nations of divine judgment.**

The first warning was the Tower of Babel judgment (Gen.10:10 11:8-9). Babylon began and will close the Postdiluvian judgments (Rev.14:8; chs.17-18).

The Church Age Believer (CAB) must take seriously dispensational teaching of the word of God in order to be biblically oriented to human history in the plan of God.

For Abraham and Lot, it was the **Old Covenant** and **Jewish age doctrines** along with the **prophetic gospel** (Gen.3:15; Gal.3:8, 16; Heb.8:6-9; 9:1-4; 10:1-10) [Shadow Christology].

For the CAB, it is the **New Covenant** (Luke 22:20; 1 Cor.11:25; 2 Cor.3:9; Heb.8:8, 13; 9:15; 12:24; Jer.31:31-34) and the **mystery doctrines church age** (Col.1:25-29; 2:2-4; Rom.16:25; Eph.5:32) **along with the historical gospel** (Acts 8:34-35; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16) [historical Christology].

### **3. How many spiritual mature believers does it take to preserve a Postdiluvian nation?**

God told Abraham that if He could find 10 righteous believers (**Remnant, Pivot, Contenders of Faith**) (**Rom.9:27-29**) in the entire five city-state federations of nation, then He would not destroy the national federation (Gen.18:32).

Abraham was confident that Lot and wife and two daughters and their two fiancés and their families would cover the number 10 (Gen.19:12). However, when Lot told the two fiancés and their families they thought it was a **big joke** (Gen.19:14) Lot’s spiritual testimony (Matt.5:13-16). **Final number was 3.**

If those closes to Lot thought this way about him, you might wonder what the citizens of Sodom thought about him? The answer is found in Gen.19:7-10.

(Gen.19:7-10) “Please, **my brothers**, do not act wickedly. I have two daughters who have not had relations with man; please let me bring them out to you, and you do them whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the shelter of my roof. **But they said**, ‘Stand aside.’ Furthermore, **they said**, ‘This one came in as an alien, and already he is acting like a Judge; **now we will treat you worse than them**.’ So they pressed against the door.” **WHY NOW?**

- 4. Lot had become a somewhat folk-hero of Sodom when God earlier gave them a wake-up call when Abraham and his famous 318th civilian militia defeated the invaders and rescued Lot, returning all the goods.**

This five city-state national federation had been invaded and occupied for 13 years. Then they rebelled and were invaded again and was Lot taken captive (POW) (Gen.14). It was during this victory that Abraham met Melchizedek, the king of Salem as well as the king of Sodom.

**Doctrinal Principle:** God offers grace before judgment (John 5:24).

- 5. This gave Lot a great opportunity to become a Contender of the Faith to this national federation (2 Cor.5:18-21; Matt.28:19-20).**

**NOTE:** The USA is a federation of 50 states. The State of Alabama is a federation of 66 counties so this is our immediate mission field as Contenders of the Faith.

Lot was given a great opportunity to be God’s salt and light and missionary of gospel of Christ to these people (Matt.5:13-14; Phil.2:15-16).

He had an opportunity to make the Contender of the Faith hall of fame like his uncle and aunt (Heb.11:8-11).

But Lot didn’t even influence those closes to him (Gen.19:29-38). He was what I call a milk-toast believer (nepios - sarkikos) (1 Cor.3:1-3).

#### **A Heads-Up for the USA:**

- This national federation of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboiim, and Zoar lost their client nation status and were removed from human history (Deut.29:23).
- They were kept in biblical history as a reminder to the Postdiluvian nations of divine judgment (Matt.10:15; 11:23)
- The “Lord rained on **Sodom** and Gomorrah brimstone **and fire** from the Lord out of heaven.” (Gen.19:24; 2 Pet.3:7-13; Rev.11:18)