



“Lot and Abraham in Character School”

Genesis 19:30- 20:1-18

I. Lot’s Family : Post-Destruction Events Genesis 19:30–38

- A. The supposition of two sisters (19:30–31): Lot’s daughters fear they will never marry and raise children.
- B. The sins of two sisters (19:32–36): They get their father drunk and sleep with him in order to become pregnant.
- C. The sons of two sisters (19:37–38): Moab, father of the Moabites, is born to Lot’s older daughter, and Ben-ammi, father of the Ammonites, to Lot’s younger daughter.

***Consequences** (Genesis 19:30–38). The result of the Lord’s visit to Abraham was new hope and excitement as Abraham and Sarah joyfully anticipated the birth of a son. *Lot, however, lost everything when Sodom was destroyed; and he himself was saved “yet as by fire”* (1 Cor. 3:15). His daughters gave birth to two sons, whose descendants would be enemies to the Jewish nation.

II. THE CARNALITY OF ABRAHAM (SECOND OCCASION) Genesis 20:1–18

Abraham the Troublemaker Genesis 20

If you did not know who Abraham was, and you read this chapter for the first time, which of the two men would you say was the believer? Surely not Abraham, the liar! It was not Abraham who showed integrity, and it was not Abraham whom God kept from sinning. What Abraham did was selfish, but Abimelech responded with generosity. If anybody reveals excellent character, it is Abimelech and not Abraham, “the Friend of God.”

- A. Abraham and Abimelech: round one—deceiving (20:1–8)
 1. The deception (20:1–2): Again, fearing for his life, Abraham introduces Sarah as his sister. *Romans 4:1–5, 19–21
 2. The dream (20:3–8)
 - a. God informs Abimelech (20:3–6): In a dream God warns Abimelech that Sarah is married.
 - b. God instructs Abimelech (20:7–8): God tells Abimelech to return Sarah to Abraham and promises that the patriarch will then pray for him.
- B. Abraham and Abimelech: round two—defending (20:9–13)
 1. The painful question (asked of Abraham) (20:9–10):
“Why have you done this to us?”
 2. The pitiful answer (given by Abraham) (20:11–13): Abraham says he feared that Abimelech would have killed him to marry Sarah.
- C. Abraham and Abimelech: round three—delivering (20:14–18):
Abimelech returns Sarah and compensates Abraham for his trouble. Abraham prays for Abimelech, and God lifts the curse he has placed upon Abimelech’s household.