

Genesis 19:1-5 & 15-29

International Bible Lesson Study Guide

New American Standard Bible

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

(Genesis 19:1) Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground.

(Genesis 19:2) And he said, “Now behold, my lords, please turn aside into your servant’s house, and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way.” They said however, “No, but we shall spend the night in the square.”

(Genesis 19:3) Yet he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he prepared a feast for them, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

(Genesis 19:4) Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter;

(Genesis 19:5) and they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have relations with them.”

(Genesis 19:15) When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away in the punishment of the city.”

(Genesis 19:16) But he hesitated. So the men seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the hands of his two daughters, for the compassion of the LORD was upon him; and they brought him out, and put him outside the city.

(Genesis 19:17) When they had brought them outside, one said, “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you, and do not stay anywhere in the valley; escape to the mountains, or you will be swept away.”

(Genesis 19:18) But Lot said to them, “Oh no, my lords!

(Genesis 19:19) “Now behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your lovingkindness, which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, for the disaster will overtake me and I will die;

(Genesis 19:20) now behold, this town is near enough to flee to, and it is small. Please, let me escape there (is it not small?) that my life may be saved.”

(Genesis 19:21) He said to him, “Behold, I grant you this request also, not to overthrow the town of which you have spoken.

(Genesis 19:22) “Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there.” Therefore the name of the town was called Zoar.

(Genesis 19:23) The sun had risen over the earth when Lot came to Zoar.

(Genesis 19:24) Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven,

(Genesis 19:25) and He overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

(Genesis 19:26) But his wife, from behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

(Genesis 19:27) Now Abraham arose early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before the LORD;

(Genesis 19:28) and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the valley, and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land ascended like the smoke of a furnace.

(Genesis 19:29) Thus it came about, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?