

Genesis 19:1-5 & 15-29

International Bible Lesson Study Guide

New International Version

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) The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. When he saw them, he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground.

(Genesis 19:2) “My lords,” he said, “please turn aside to your servant’s house. You can wash your feet and spend the night and then go on your way early in the morning.” “No,” they answered, “we will spend the night in the square.”

(Genesis 19:3) But he insisted so strongly that they did go with him and entered his house. He prepared a meal for them, baking bread without yeast, and they ate.

(Genesis 19:4) Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom—both young and old—surrounded the house.

(Genesis 19:5) They called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.”

(Genesis 19:15) With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished.”

(Genesis 19:16) When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the LORD was merciful to them.

(Genesis 19:17) As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, “Flee for your lives! Don’t look back, and don’t stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!”

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

(Genesis 19:19) Your servant has found favor in your eyes, and you have shown great kindness to me in sparing my life. But I can’t flee to the mountains; this disaster will overtake me, and I’ll die.

(Genesis 19:20) Look, here is a town near enough to run to, and it is small. Let me flee to it—it is very small, isn’t it? Then my life will be spared.”

(Genesis 19:21) He said to him, “Very well, I will grant this request too; I will not overthrow the town you speak of.

(Genesis 19:22) But flee there quickly, because I cannot do anything until you reach it.” (That is why the town was called Zoar.)

(Genesis 19:23) By the time Lot reached Zoar, the sun had risen over the land.

(Genesis 19:24) Then the LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the LORD out of the heavens.

(Genesis 19:25) Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, destroying all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land.

(Genesis 19:26) But Lot’s wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

(Genesis 19:27) Early the next morning Abraham got up and returned to the place where he had stood before the LORD.

(Genesis 19:28) He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, toward all the land of the plain, and he saw dense smoke rising from the land, like smoke from a furnace.

(Genesis 19:29) So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Abraham, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had 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?