

Genesis 19:1-5 & 15-29

International Bible Lesson Study Guide

New Revised Standard 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 came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and bowed down with his face to the ground.

(Genesis 19:2) He said, "Please, my lords, turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you can rise early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the square."

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

(Genesis 19:4) But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house;

(Genesis 19:5) and they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, so that we may know them."

(Genesis 19:15) When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or else you will be consumed in the punishment of the city."

(Genesis 19:16) But he lingered; so the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and left him outside the city.

(Genesis 19:17) When they had brought them outside, they said, "Flee for your life; do not look back or stop anywhere in the Plain; flee to the hills, or else you will be consumed."

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

(Genesis 19:19) your servant has found favor with you, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life; but I cannot flee to the hills, for fear the disaster will overtake me and I die.

(Genesis 19:20) Look, that city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there—is it not a little one?—and my life will be saved!”

(Genesis 19:21) He said to him, “Very well, I grant you this favor too, and will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken.

(Genesis 19:22) Hurry, escape there, for I can do nothing until you arrive there.” Therefore the city was called Zoar.

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

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

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

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

(Genesis 19:27) Abraham went early in the morning 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 Plain and saw the smoke of the land going up like the smoke of a furnace.

(Genesis 19:29) So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the Plain, God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had settled.

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?