

Parsha Vayeira

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“He appeared”

Genesis 18 – 22:24





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The Destruction of Sodom



What was the **Reason**
for the destruction?

Where and **How** was
the destruction?

What is the **Legacy**
of the destruction?

What wa the *reason* for the destruction?

Jude 5-7: Now I want to remind you all, although you once fully knew it, that *Iesus*, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day —

What was the *reason* for the destruction?

just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in **sexual immorality** and pursued **unnatural desire**, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of uttermost fire. **-Jude 5-7**

What was the *reason* for the destruction?

Ezekiel 16:46-52: [O, Israel,] your younger sister, who lived to the south of you, is Sodom with her daughters. Not only did you walk in their ways and do according to their **abominations**; within a very little time you were more **corrupt** than they in all your ways. As I live, declares Adonai God, your sister Sodom and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done.

What was the *reason* for the destruction?

Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had **pride**, **excess of food**, and **prosperous ease**, but **did not aid** the poor and needy. They were **haughty** and **did an abomination** before me. So I removed them, when I saw it. . . .[you] have made your sisters appear righteous by all the abominations that you have committed. **-Ezekiel 16:46-52**

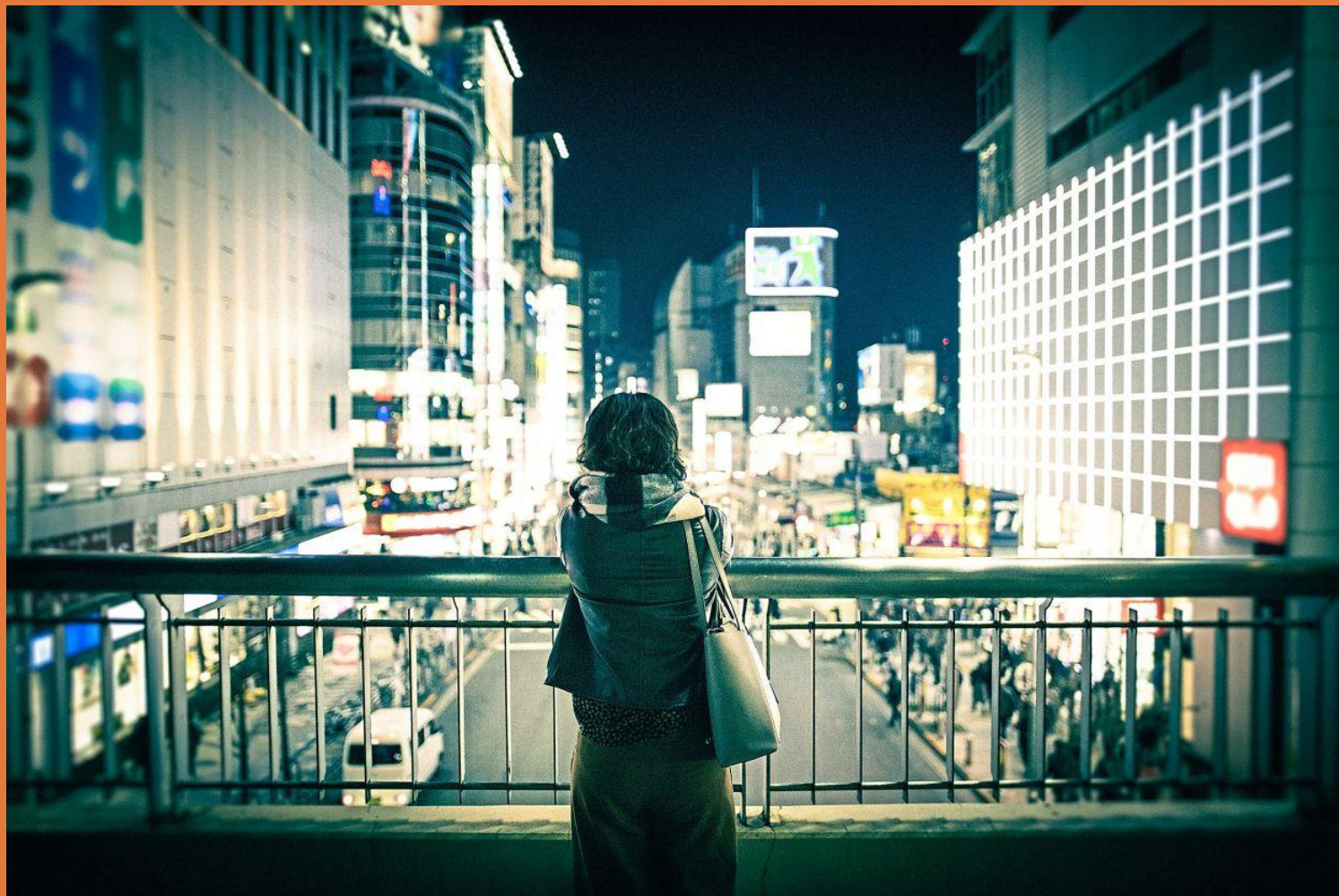
What was the *reason* for the destruction?

Genesis 19: Attempted gang assault

Jude 5-7: Immorality, unnatural desire

Ezekiel 16: Abomination, corruption, excess food & ease while ignoring the poor, pride, haughtily did "an abomination





Where and how was the destruction?

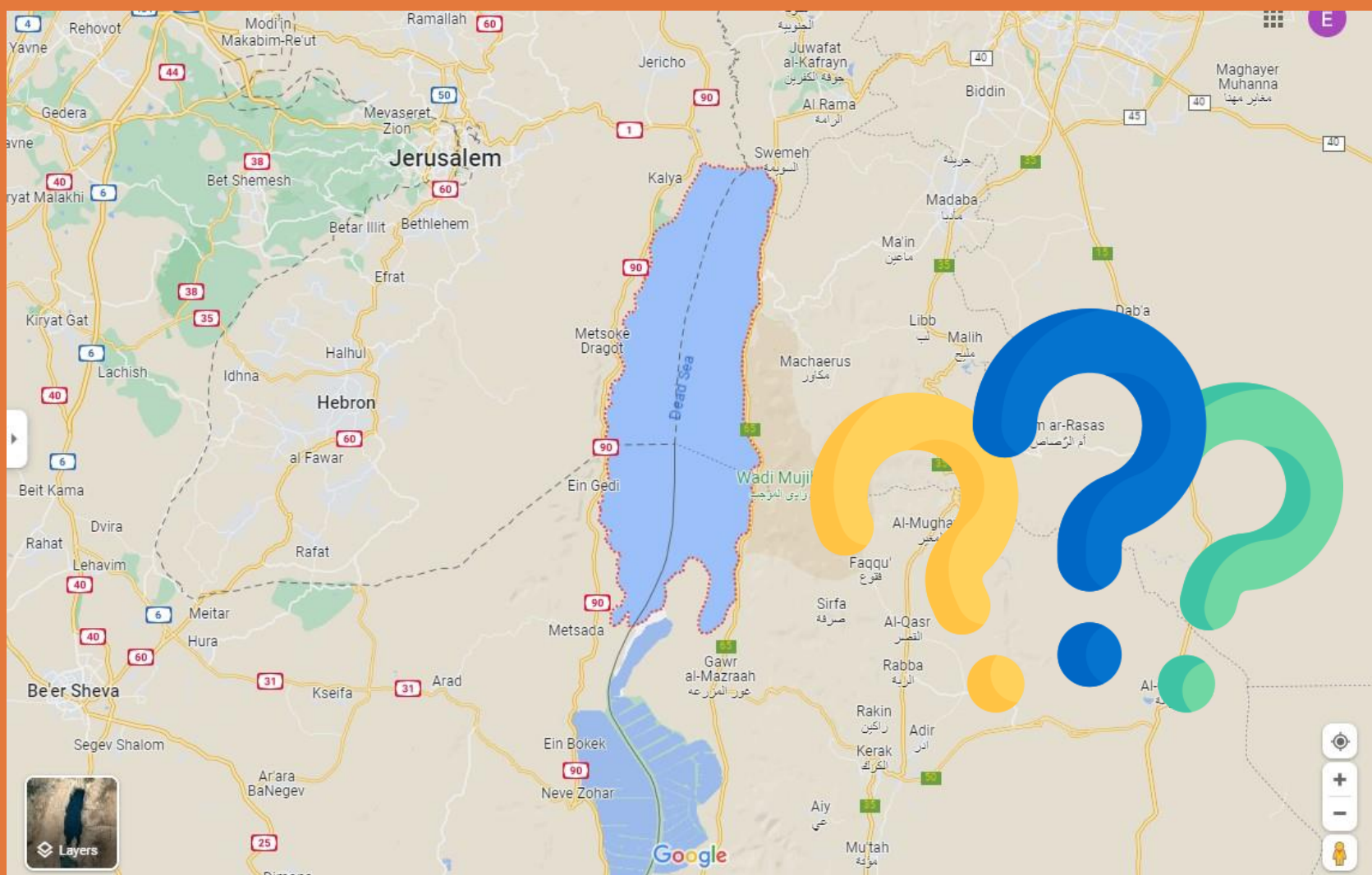
Under the Salt Sea

North of the Salt Sea

Southeast of the Salt Sea

West / Southwest of the Salt Sea





Where and how was the destruction?

Under the Salt Sea?

Genesis 14:3, literal:

And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea).

Dynamic equivalent: All these latter kings joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Dead Sea Valley).



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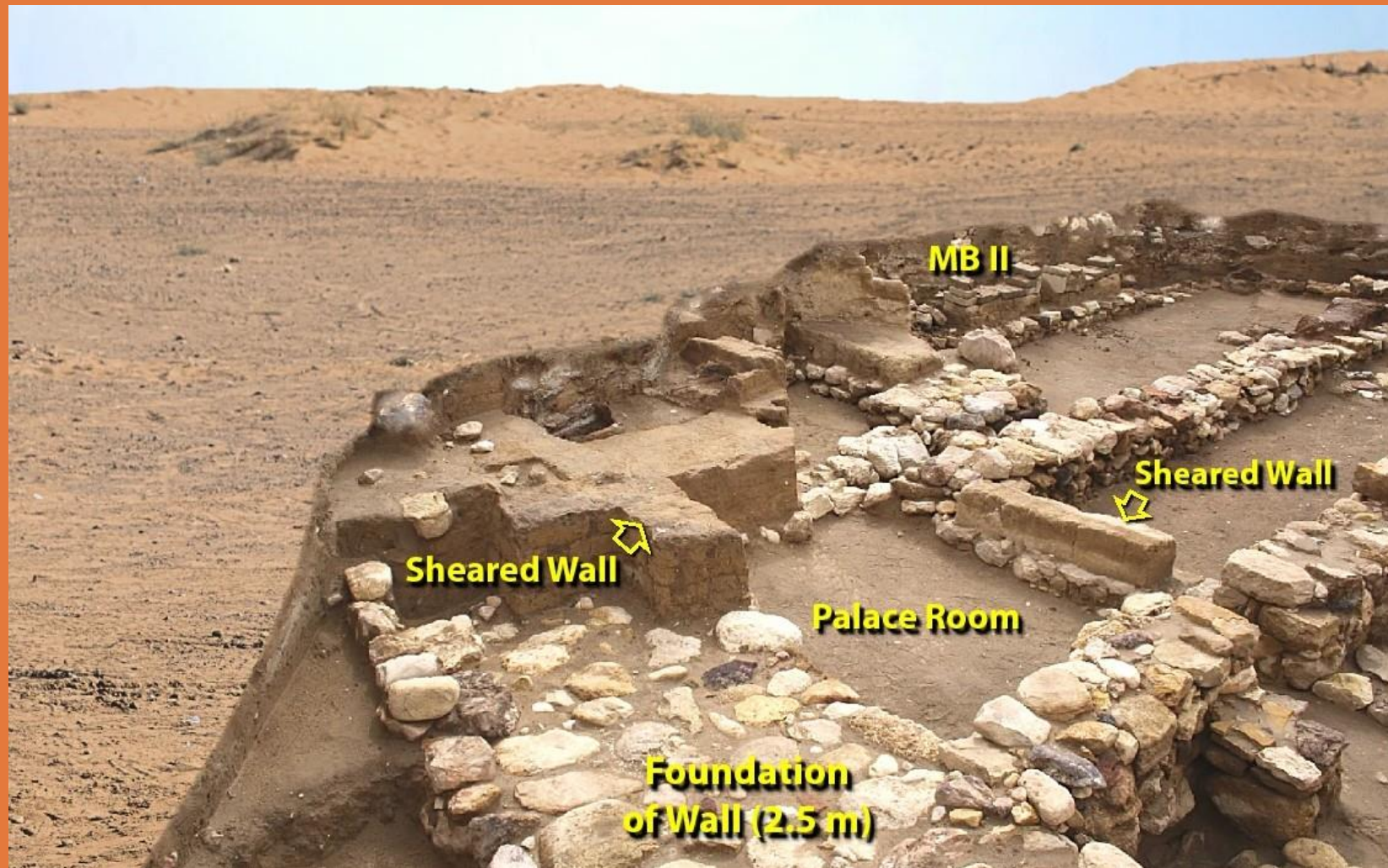


Where and how was the destruction?

Genesis 13:10-12: And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of Yahweh, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar (this was before Yahweh destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah). So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom.

Where and how was the destruction?

- Tall el-Hammam, largest of three neighboring cities
- Combined population of 50,000
- Mudbrick buildings up to five stories high
- Evidence of a sudden and high-temp destructive event
- Fire from warfare or earthquake would not be hot enough
- With no crater, an airburst 2.5 miles above ground was theorized



MB II

Sheared Wall

Sheared Wall

Palace Room

**Foundation
of Wall (2.5 m)**



a NE of PALACE **Pottery**

H.O. 5-6. U.B. 2100-2101

7 cm

Inside

Pottery

7 cm

Inside

Outside

b

C LOWER TALL **Inside**

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Inside

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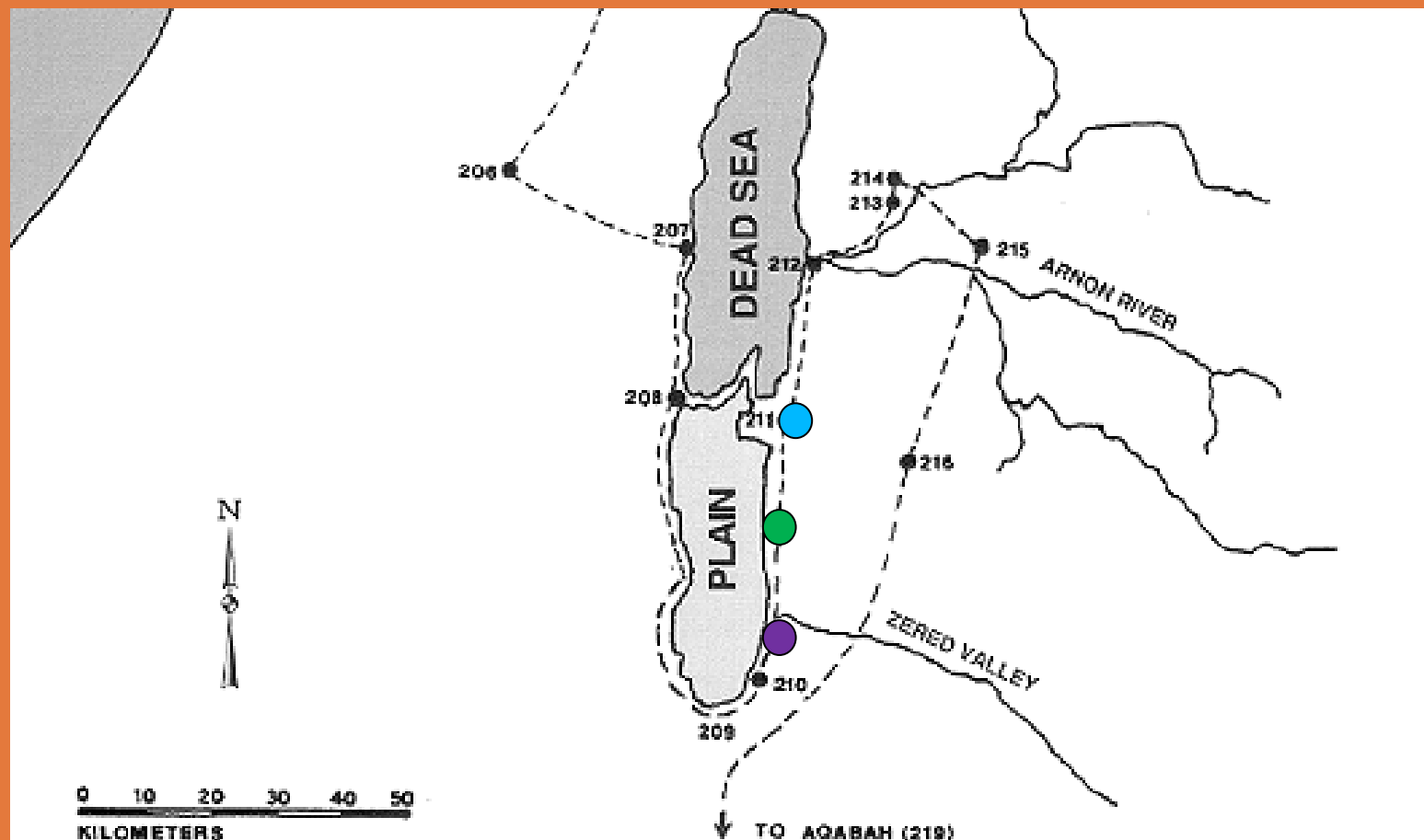
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- **Genesis 13:12:** Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom.
- Place name Numeira / Gomorrah (Hbr CMR, Arabic NMR)
- Ruins at Bab edh-Dhra – Were largest city in the region
- Proximity of probable Zoar
- Josephus and Jerome
- Ebla geographic atlas



Where and how was the destruction?

- "Arm-Gate" or Bab edh-Dhra
- Numeira
- Barley, wheat, grapes, figs, lentils and flax. Also: Chickpeas, peas, broad beans, dates and olives
- Previous destruction, new gate
- Fault lines + natural gas, oil, bitumen, sulfur
- Bab edh-Dhra down 92 ft, Numeira up 164 ft
- Signs of abandonment at Numeira
- Timing: Grapes and watermelon



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What is the *legacy* of the destruction?

Proof of God's justice and mercy

Finding Messiah in this Parsha

A warning to the world

A warning to the Body of Messiah

Proof of God's Justice and Mercy

Ultimate judgement by someone worthy to carry it out –
Acts 17:31

The key issue is God's _____

The judgements of God are beyond _____

Where is Messiah in this Parsha?

Luke 1:30-37: “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Yeshua.” . . .And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I do not know a man?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be borne will be called holy — the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Where is Messiah in this Parsha?

Luke 17:26-37: Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot - they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all! So will it be on the day

Where is Messiah in this Parsha?

when the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left. . . .Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."

Where is Messiah in this Parsha?

1 Timothy 2:5-6: For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and people, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.

A warning to the world

Some wickedness will be judged in
this life . . .

all wickedness will be judged in the
next

"For it is appointed ---"

2 Corinthians 5:10



A warning to the world

2 Peter 4:2-10: For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into the abyss of Tartarus and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; 5if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; 6if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;

A warning to the world

and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials [or: temptations], and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority.

A warning to the body of Messiah

2 Peter 2:19-21: They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Yeshua Messiah, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.

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