

Chapter 19

Lot receiuing Angels in his houfe, is abufed by the Sodomites.

12. He with his wife (26. who for looking back is turned into a ftatua of falt) and his two daughters are deliuered. 24. Sodome and Gomorre are burned. 31. Lot lieth vnwitting with both his daughters, begat of them Moab and Ammon, of whom came the Moabites and Ammonites.

And the two ^{a)}Angels came to Sodome at euen; and Lot fitting in the gates of the citie. Who when he had fene them, rofe vp and went to meete them: and adored proftrate vnto the ground, ² and faid: I befech you, my Lords, turne into the houfe of your feruant, and lodge there: wash your feet, and in the morning you shal go forth on your way. Who faid: No, but we wil abide in the ftreat. ³ He compelled them earnestly to turne in vnto him: and when they were entred into his houfe, he made them a banquet, and baked vnleauened bread, and they did eate. ⁴ And before they went to bed, the men of the citie befet the houfe from young to old, al the people togethether. ⁵ And they called Lot, and faid to him: Where are the men that came in to thee at night? bring them forth hither that we may know them. ⁶ Lot going forth to them, and flutting the dore after him, faid: ⁷ Doe not fo, I befech you, my brethren, doe not commit this euil. ⁸ I haue two daughters, which as yet haue not knowen man: I wil bring them forth to you, and abufe you them as it fhall pleafe you, fo that you do no euil to thefe men, becaufe they are entred vnder the fhadowe of my rooffe. ⁹ But they faid: Get thee backe thither. And againe: Thou cameft in, faid they, as a ftranger, what to be a iudge? Thy felfe therefore we wil afflict more then thefe. And they did violence to Lot exceedingly: and it was euen nowe at the point that they would break the dores.

^a Abraham & Lot by hofpitalitie merited to receiue Angels in fteed of mē. *Heb. 13.*

¹⁰ And behold the men put forth their hand, and drew in Lot vnto them, and fhut the dore: ¹¹ and them, that were without, they ftroke with blyndnes from the leaft to the greateft, fo that they could not find the dore. ¹² And they faid to Lot: Haft thou here anie of thine? fonne in law, or fonnes, or daughters, al that are thine, bring them out of this citie: ¹³ for we wil deftroy this place, for that ^a)their crye is waxen lowde before our Lord, who hath fent vs to deftroy them. ¹⁴ Therefore Lot went forth, and fpake to his fonnes in lawe that were to take his daughters, and faid: Arife: get you forth out of this place, becaufe our Lord wil deftroy this citie. And he femed vnto them to fpeake as it were in ieft. ¹⁵ And when it was morning, the Angels vrged him, faying: Arife, take thy wife, and the two daughters which thou haft: leaft thou alfo perifh withal in the wickednes of the citie. ¹⁶ He lingering, they tooke his hand, and the hand of his wife, and of his two daughters, becaufe our Lord fpared him. ¹⁷ And they led him forth, and fet him without the citie: and there they fpake to him, faying: Saue thy life: looke not backe, neither ftay thou in al the countrie about: but faue thy felfe in the mountaine, left thou alfo perifh withal. ¹⁸ And Lot faid to them: I befeech thee my Lord, ¹⁹ becaufe thy feruant hath found grace before thee, and thou haft magnified thy mercie, which thou haft wrought with me, in that thou wouldeft faue my life, and fafe I can not be in the mountaine, left perhaps the euil catch me, and I dye. ²⁰ There is this citie hereby at hand, wherunto I may flee, a litle one, and I fhall be fafe in it: is it not a litle one, and my life fhall be faued? ²¹ And he faid to him: Behold alfo in this point I haue heard thy prayers, not to ouerthrow the citie for which thou haft fpoken. ²² Make haft, and be faued there: becaufe I can not doe any thing til thou enter in thither. Therefore the name of that citie was called Segor. ²³ The funne was rifen vpon the earth, & Lot entred into Segor. ²⁴ Therefore our Lord rained vpon Sodome and Gomorre brimftone & fire

a litle one

^a This finne crieth to heauen for reuenge.

from our Lord out of heauen: ²⁵ and he fubuerted thefe cities, and al the countrie about, al the inhabitants of the cities, and al things that fpring of the earth. ²⁶ And his wife ^a)looking behind her, was turned into a ftatua of falt. ²⁷ And Abraham getting vp early in the morning, there where before he had ftood with our Lord, ²⁸ beheld Sodome & Gomorre, and the whole land of that countrie: and he faw the cinders rife vp from the earth as it were the fmoke of a fornace. ²⁹ For when God fubuerted the citties of that countrie, he ^b)remembring Abraham, deliuered Lot out of the fubuerfion of the cities wherein he had dwelt. ³⁰ And Lot afcended out of Segor, and abode in the mountaine, his two daughters alfo with him (for he was afraid to abide in Segor) and he abode in a caue him felfe, and his two daughters with him. ³¹ And the elder faid to the younger: Our father is old, and there is no man left on the earth, that may companie with vs after the maner of the whole earth. ³² Come, let vs make him drunke with wine, and let vs lie with him, that we may preferue feed of our father. ³³ They therefore made their father to drinke wine that night: and the elder went in, and lay with her father: but he perceaued not, neyther when his daughter lay downe, nor when fhe rofe vp. ³⁴ The next day alfo the elder faid to the younger: Behold I lay yefternight with my father, let vs make him drinke wine alfo this night, and thou fhalt lye with him, that we may faue feed of our father. ³⁵ They made their father drinke wine that night alfo, and the younger daughter went in, and lay with him: and neyther then truly did he perceaued when fhe lay downe, or when fhe rofe vp. ³⁶ The two daughters therfore of Lot were with child by their father. ³⁷ And the elder bare a fonne and fhe called his name Moab:

^a Lots wife turned into falt, admonifheth the feruants of God to procede in vertue, & not to looke back to vice. *Luc. 17. S. Aug. li. 16. c. 30. ciuit.*

^b Lot neither perfect, nor very wicked was deliuered for Abrahams fake. *S. Aug. q. 45. in Gen.*

he is, the ^{a)}father of the Moabites euen to this present day. ³⁸ The younger also bare a sonne, and he called his name Ammon, that is the sonne of my people: he is the father of the Ammonites euen to this day.

^a Moabites & Ammonites were two distinct nations, perhaps of the 72. See *p. x*