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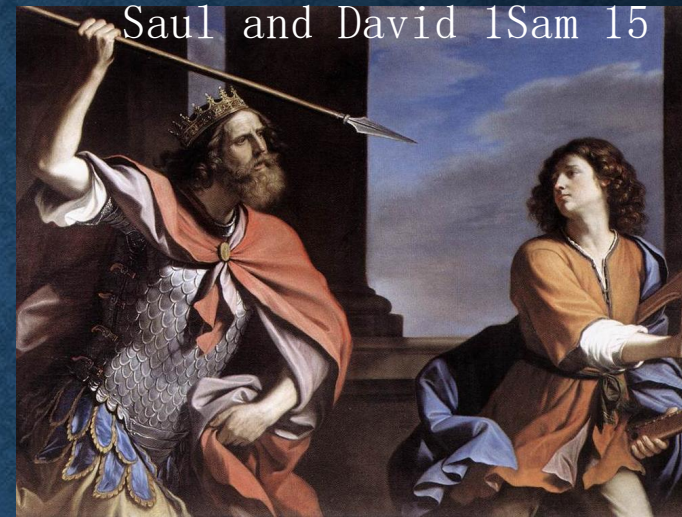
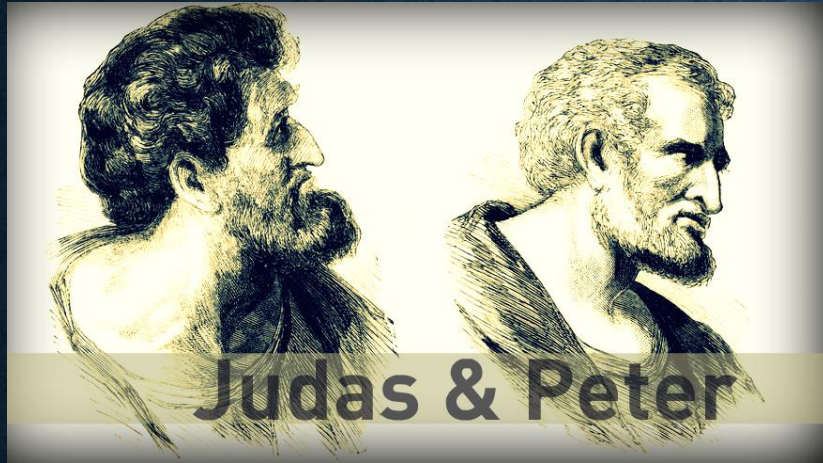
STUDY 16
LOT WITH HIS WORLDLY
FAITH & JUDGEMENT
GENESIS 19



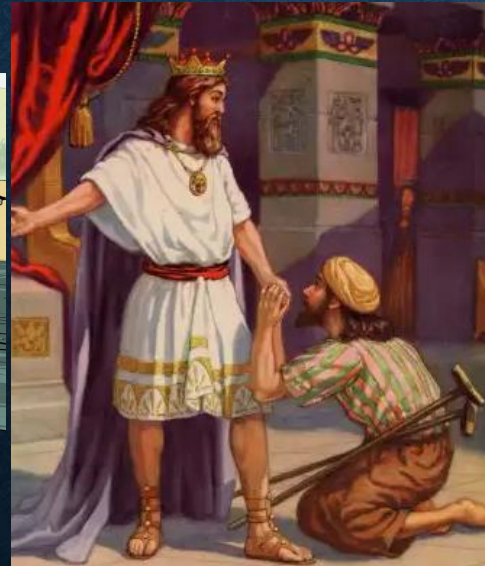
WORLDLY FAITH

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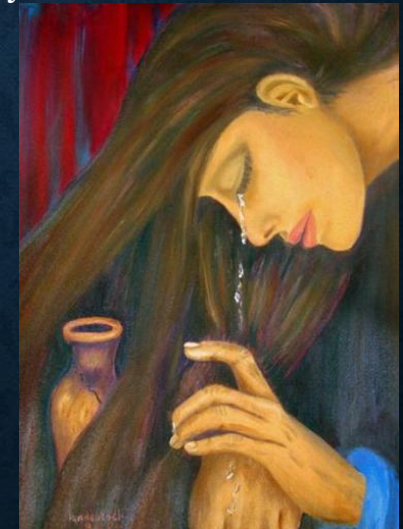
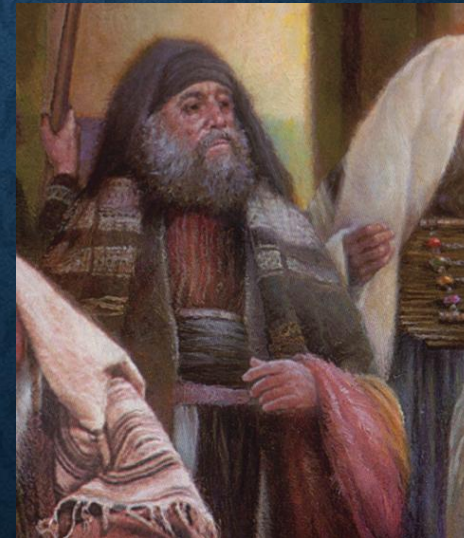
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Shimei and Mephibosheth
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Simon and Mary Lk 7:36-50



The image shows two silhouetted figures, Abraham and Lot, standing on a dark, rocky hill against a bright, orange-hued sunset sky. The figure on the left is Abraham, and the figure on the right is Lot. The sky is filled with soft, glowing clouds, and the overall scene is peaceful and contemplative.

ABRAHAM

LOT



ISRAEL

JORDAN

Jordan Valley

Lot Chose

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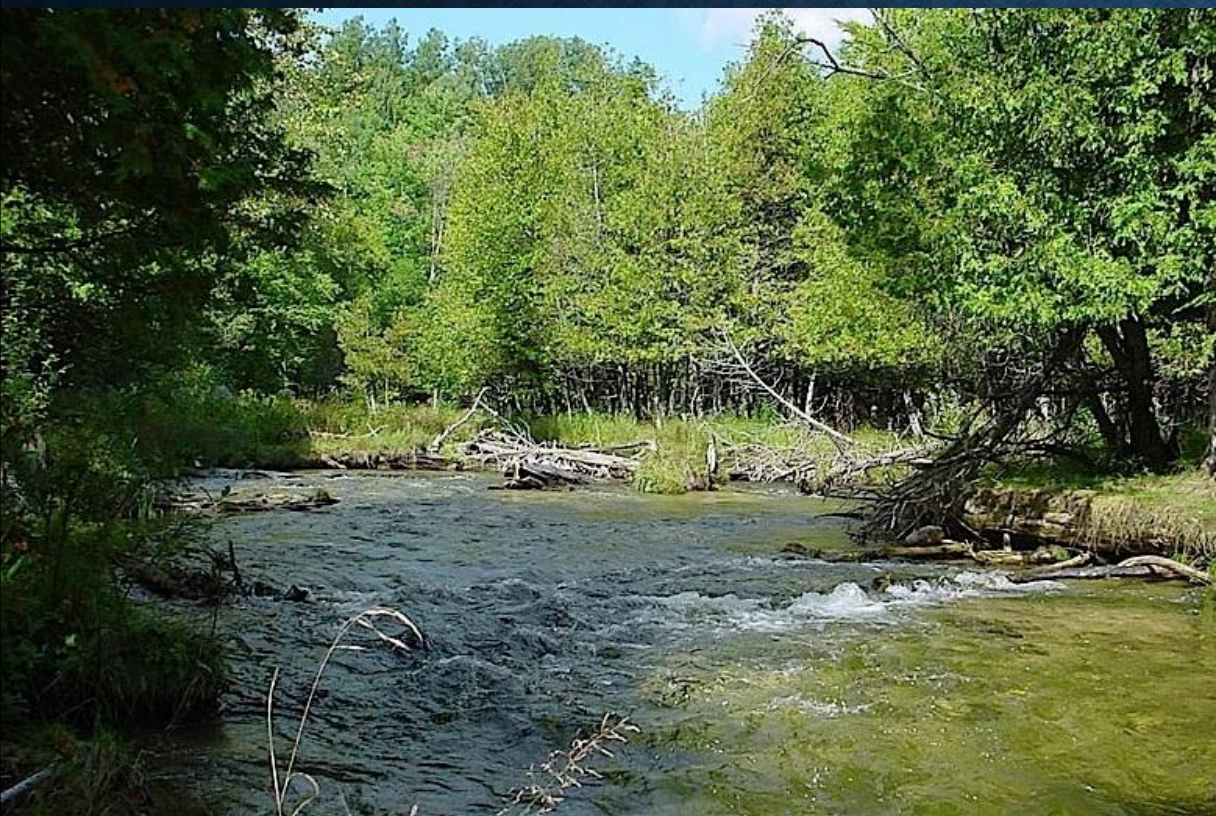
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Jericho

Amman

Dead Sea





Genesis 13:10–11 And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) 11 So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other.

CHOOSING DANGER

Genesis 13:12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom.
13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD.

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Jerusalem

2,474 feet above sea level
(754 m)

Jericho

JORDAN RIVER VALLEY

Dead Sea

-1,410 feet below sea level
(-430 m)

Sodom?
Bab Edh-Dhra

Dead Sea
evaporation pools
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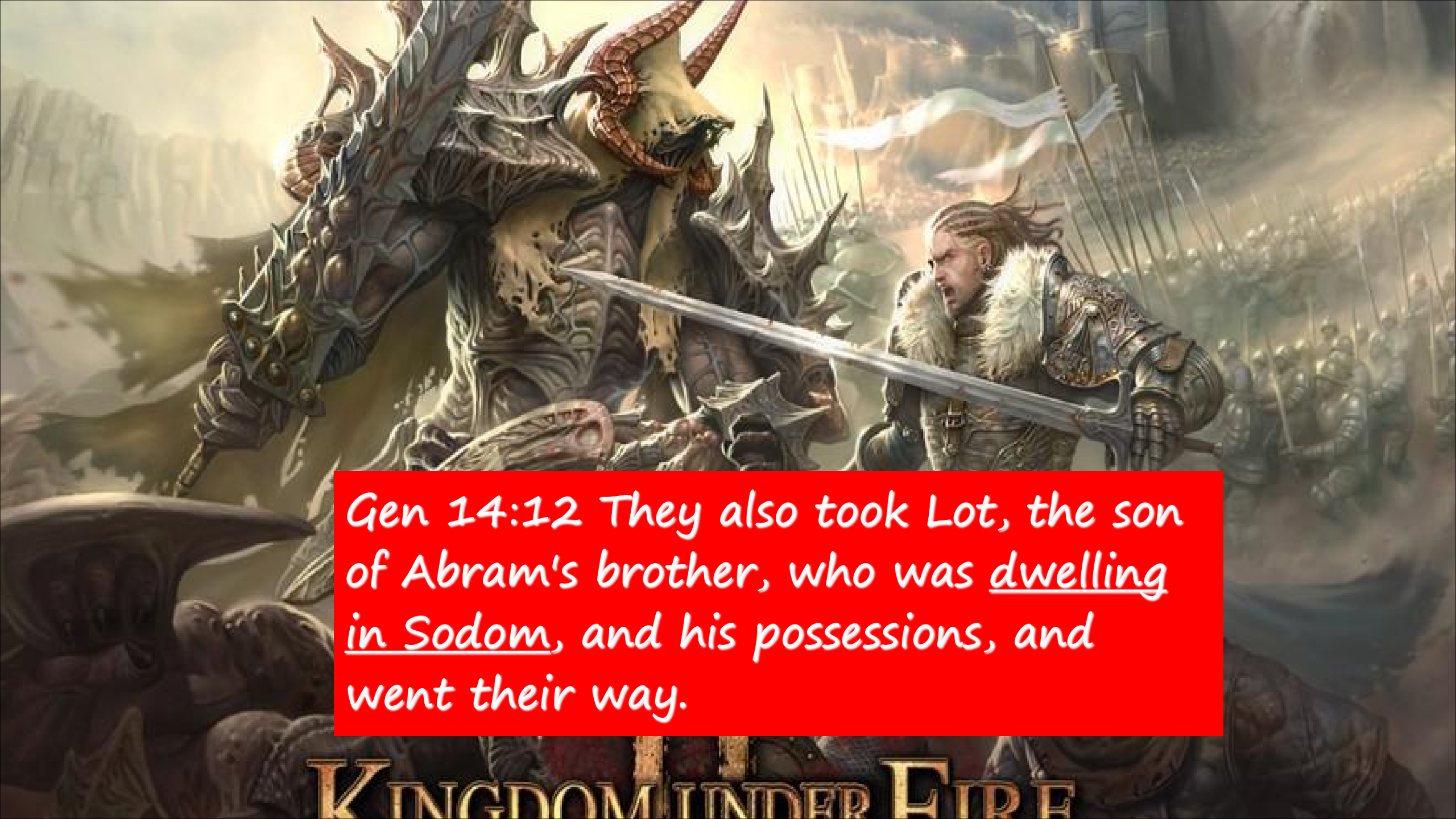
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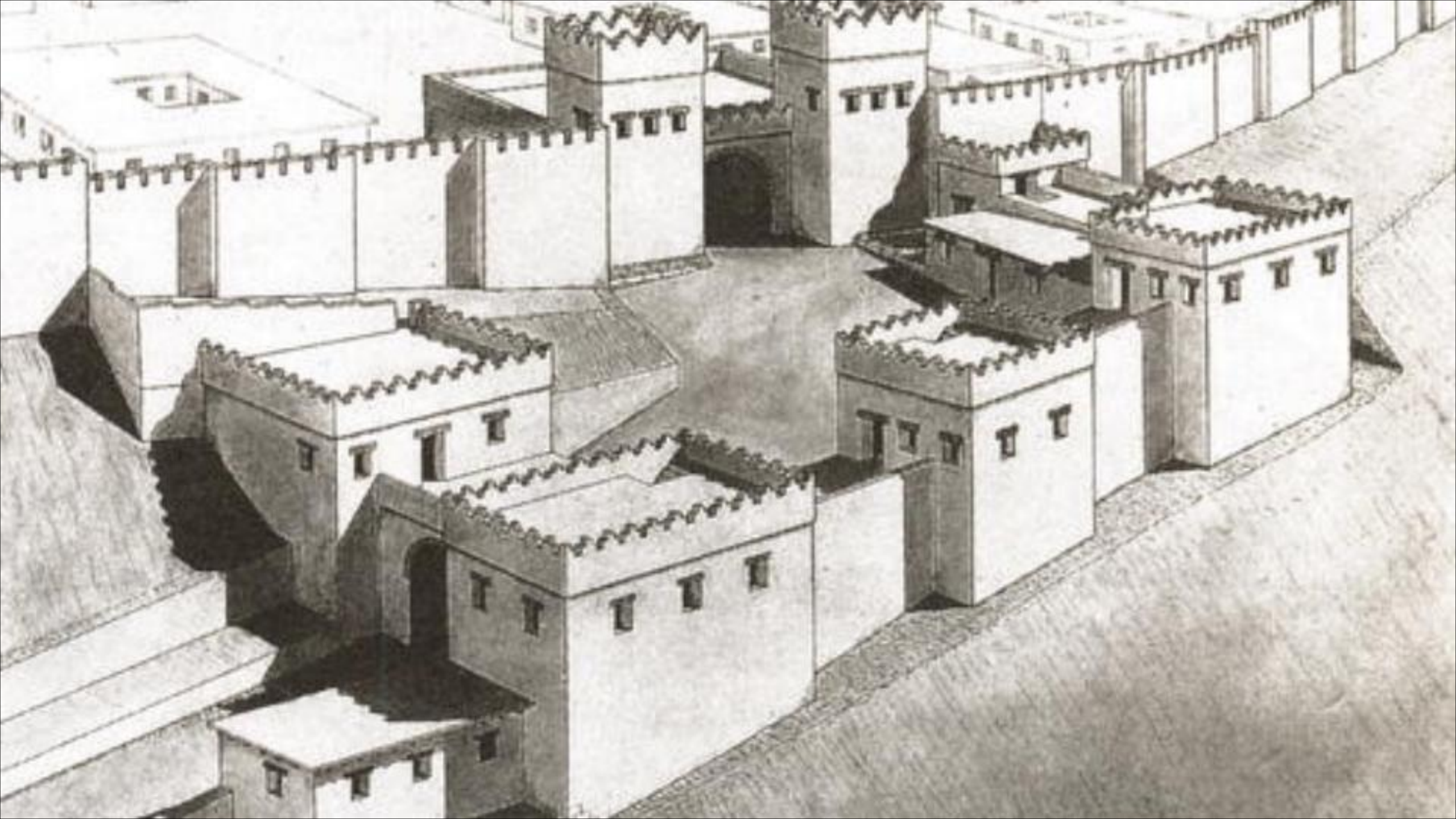
A dramatic illustration of a battle. On the left, a massive, dark, horned demon with a skeletal face and a long, sharp sword stands over a fallen warrior. On the right, a warrior in ornate armor with a fur collar stands ready, holding a long sword. In the background, a large army of soldiers is engaged in battle under a cloudy sky. The scene is set in a rugged, mountainous landscape.

Gen 14:12 They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.

KINGDOM UNDER FIRE

Genesis 19:1 The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth

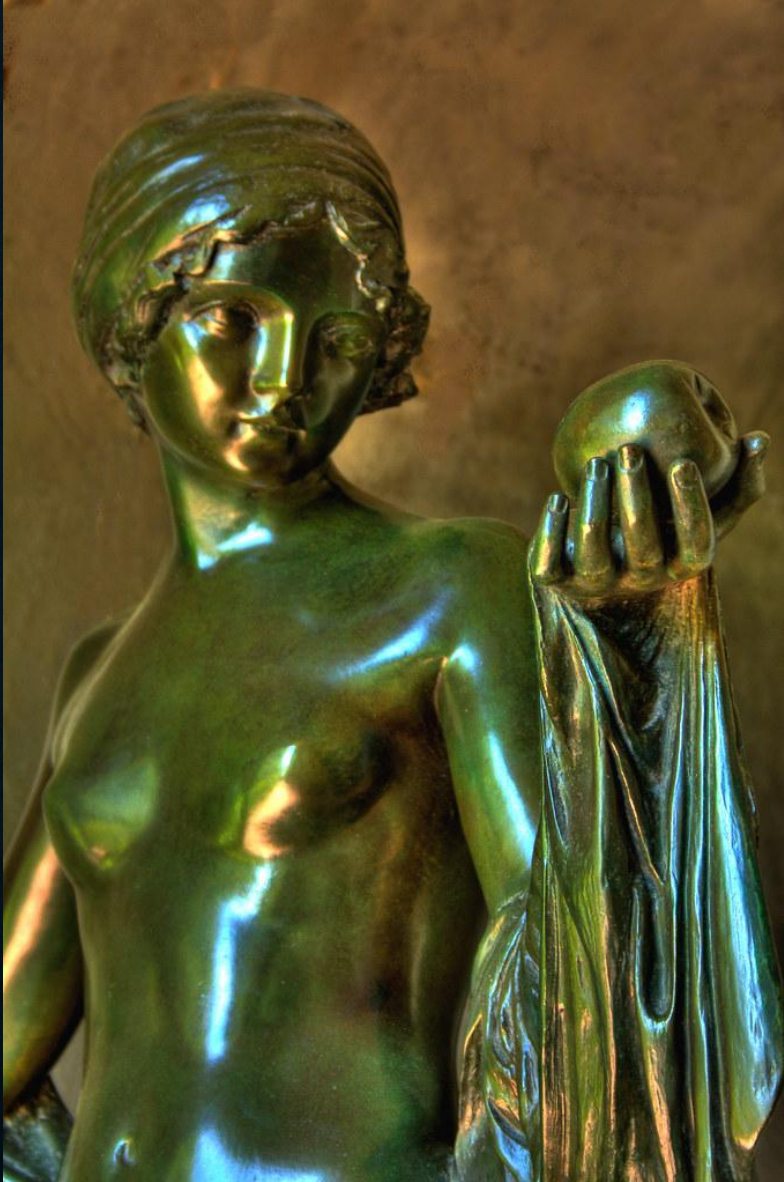




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CHOICE

Gen 3:6a So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate,

WORLDLY FAITH IS A MATTER OF CHOICE

- Jobs
- Careers
- Spouse
- Music
- Friends



13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD.

Embrace-convicted-bring happiness



WICKED, GREAT SINNERS

Gen 18:20 Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave

Ezekiel 16:49–50 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

WICKED, GREAT SINNERS





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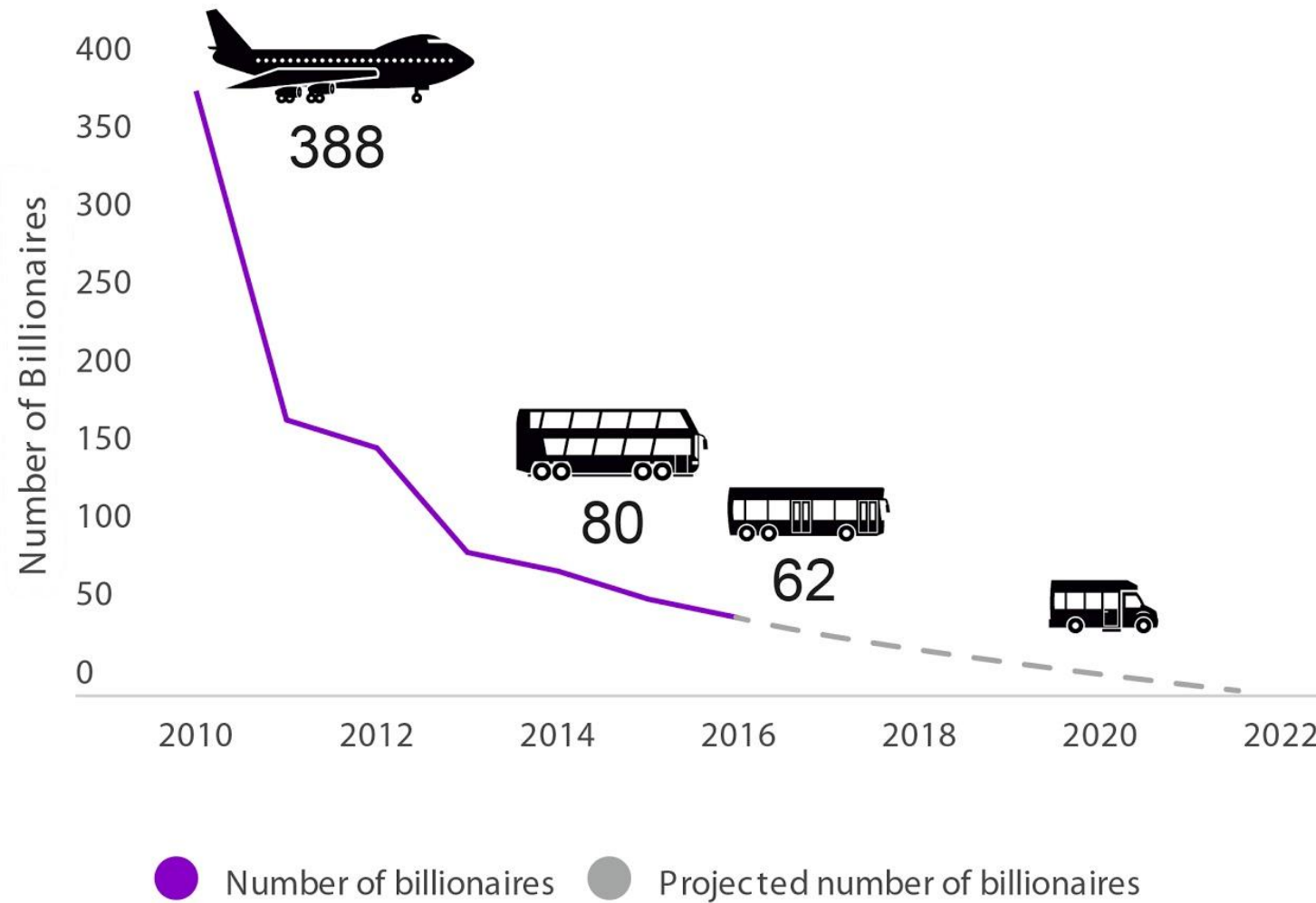
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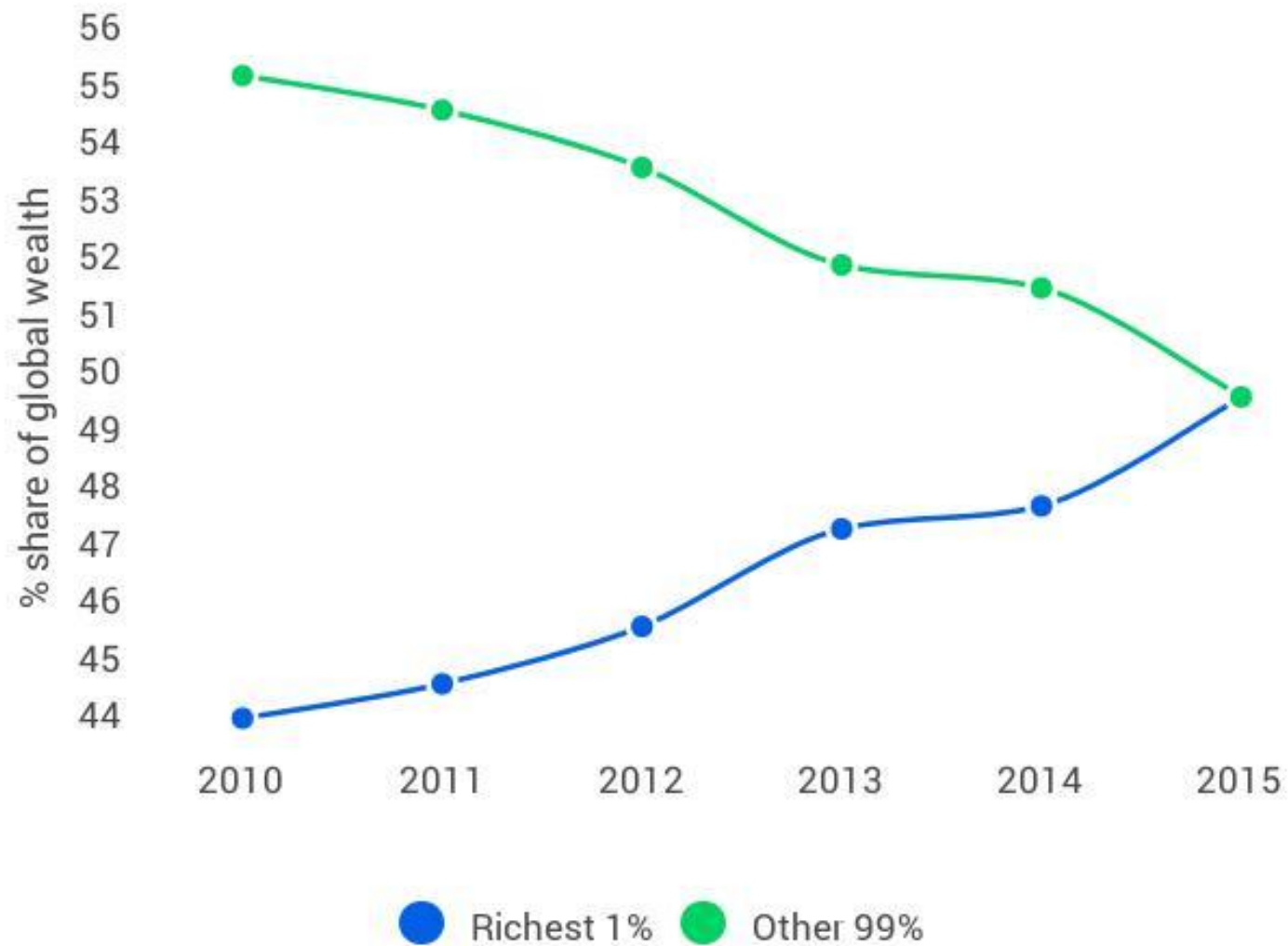


Billionaires who own the same wealth as half the world

And what transport they would fit on



Share of global wealth 2010-2015



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2 Peter 2:6–8 if 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; 7 and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked 8 (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);

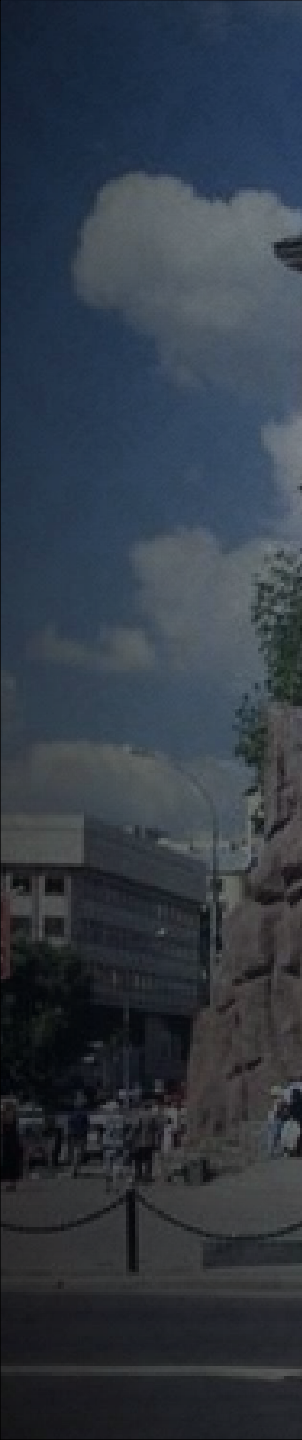
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Genesis 19:2-4 (ESV) and said, “My lords, please turn aside to your servant’s house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way.” They said, “No; we will spend the night in the town square.” 3 But he pressed 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.

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 19:5-8 (ESV) And they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.” 6 Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, 7 and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. 8 Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof.”

NO SHAME

Isaiah 3:8–9 For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen, because their speech and their deeds are against the Lord, defying his glorious presence.⁹ For the look on their faces bears witness against them; they proclaim their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it

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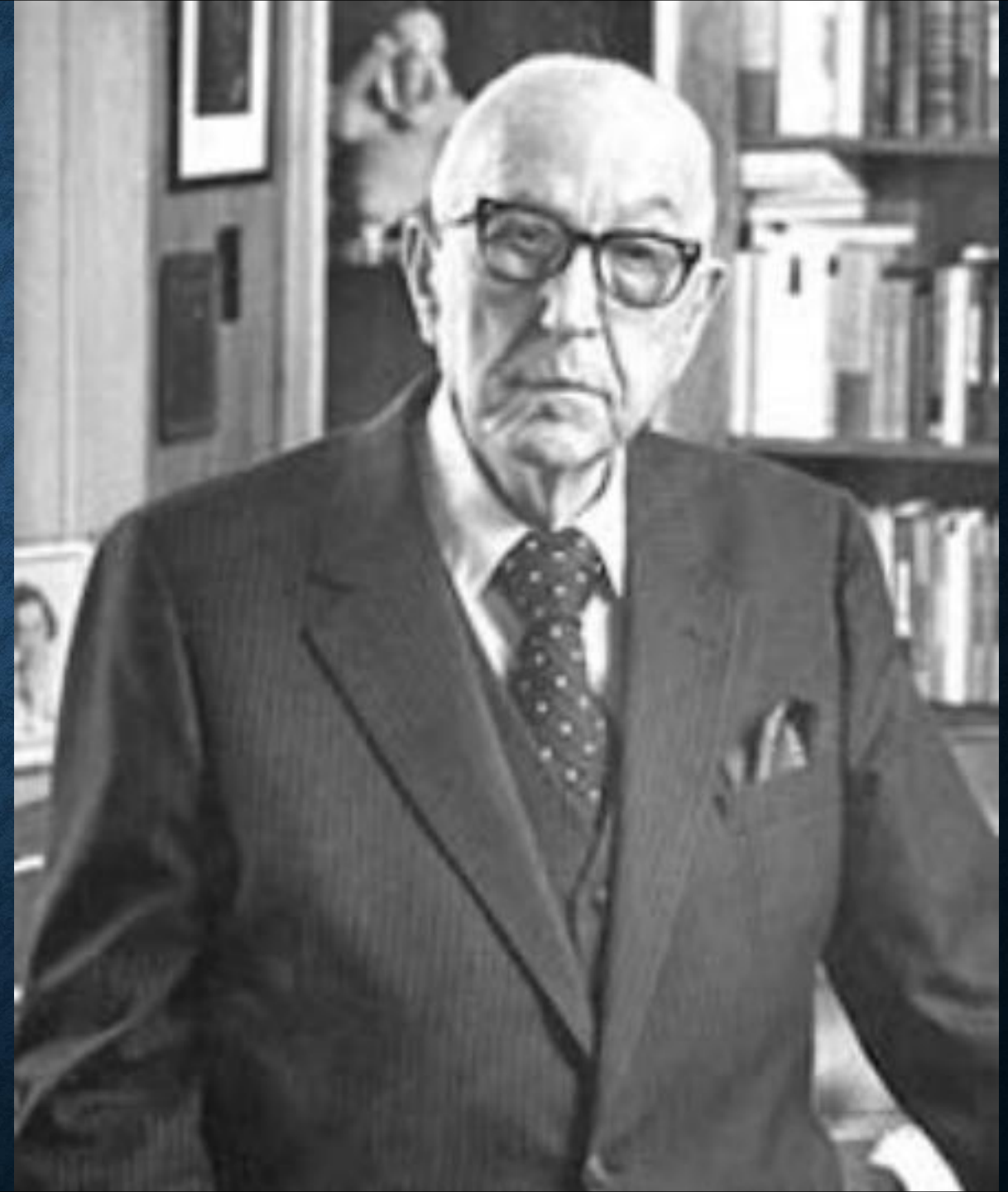
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HOW WE HIDE FROM GOD



Behaviour

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“Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance.

“We know Your word says, ‘Woe to those who call evil good,’ but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.

“We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your word in the name of moral pluralism.

“We have worshiped other gods and called it ‘multiculturalism.’

“We have endorsed perversion and called it ‘an alternative lifestyle.’

“We have exploited the poor and called it ‘a lottery.’

“We have neglected the needy and called it ‘self-preservation.’

“In the name of ‘choice,’ we have killed our unborn.

“In the name of ‘right to life,’ we have killed abortionists.

“We have neglected to discipline our children and called it ‘building esteem.’

“We have abused power and called it ‘political savvy.’

“We’ve coveted our neighbors’ possessions and called it ‘taxes.’

“We’ve polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it ‘freedom of expression.’

“We’ve ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it ‘enlightenment.’

“Search us, oh God, and know our hearts today. Try us, and

BEHAVIOUR BECOMES THE NORM

Jer 23:14 But in the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen a horrible thing: they commit adultery and walk in lies; they strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns from his evil; all of them have become like Sodom to me, and its inhabitants like Gomorrah

AFFECTS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Isaiah 1:10-11 Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! “What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord, I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats

RELIGIOUS SODOM



*Success by numbers
Appeal to the
spectacular
Cry for
entertainment by
the visual image
rather than by the
words of Scripture
Human esteem –
popularity*

A man with dark, wavy hair, wearing a dark pinstripe suit, a white shirt, and a blue patterned tie, is shown from the chest up. He is looking slightly to his right with an open mouth as if speaking, and his hands are raised in front of him with palms facing forward. The background is dark with blue bokeh lights and a bright blue light source on the right. A white rectangular frame is superimposed over the image, containing the text 'YOUR BEST LIFE NOW' in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. The text is arranged in two lines: 'YOUR BEST' on the top line and 'LIFE NOW' on the bottom line. The man's face and hands are partially visible through the text and the frame.

**YOUR BEST
LIFE NOW**

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NO RESPECT OF THE RESIDENTS

Genesis 19:9 (ESV) But they said, “Stand back!” And they said, “This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down.

Genesis 19:10–11 (ESV) But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. 11 And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door.

NOT BELIEVED BY FUTURE SON IN LAWS

Genesis 19:12-14 (ESV) Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place. 13 For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.” 14 So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, “Up! Get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city.” But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be iesting.

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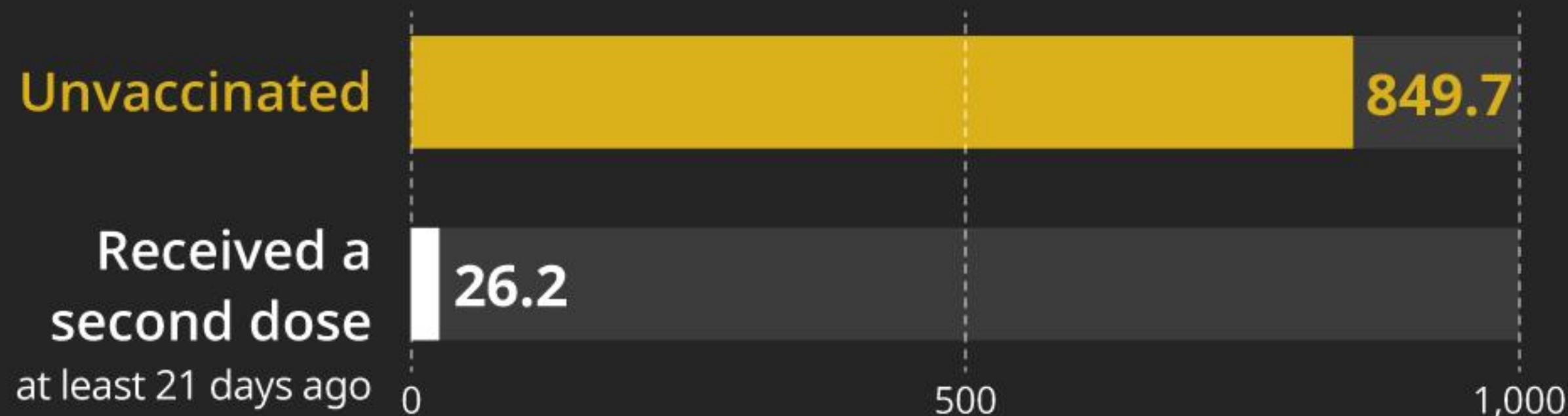


HOARDERS BEWARE: CONNECTICUT WOMAN KILLED BY WEIGHT OF HER OWN CLUTTER

Beverly Mitchell, 66, had been hoarding
inside her Cheshire, Connecticut

Age-standardised mortality rate for deaths involving COVID-19 by vaccination status

2 January to 24 September 2021



Source: Deaths involving COVID-19 by vaccination status, England: deaths occurring between 2 January and 24 September 2021

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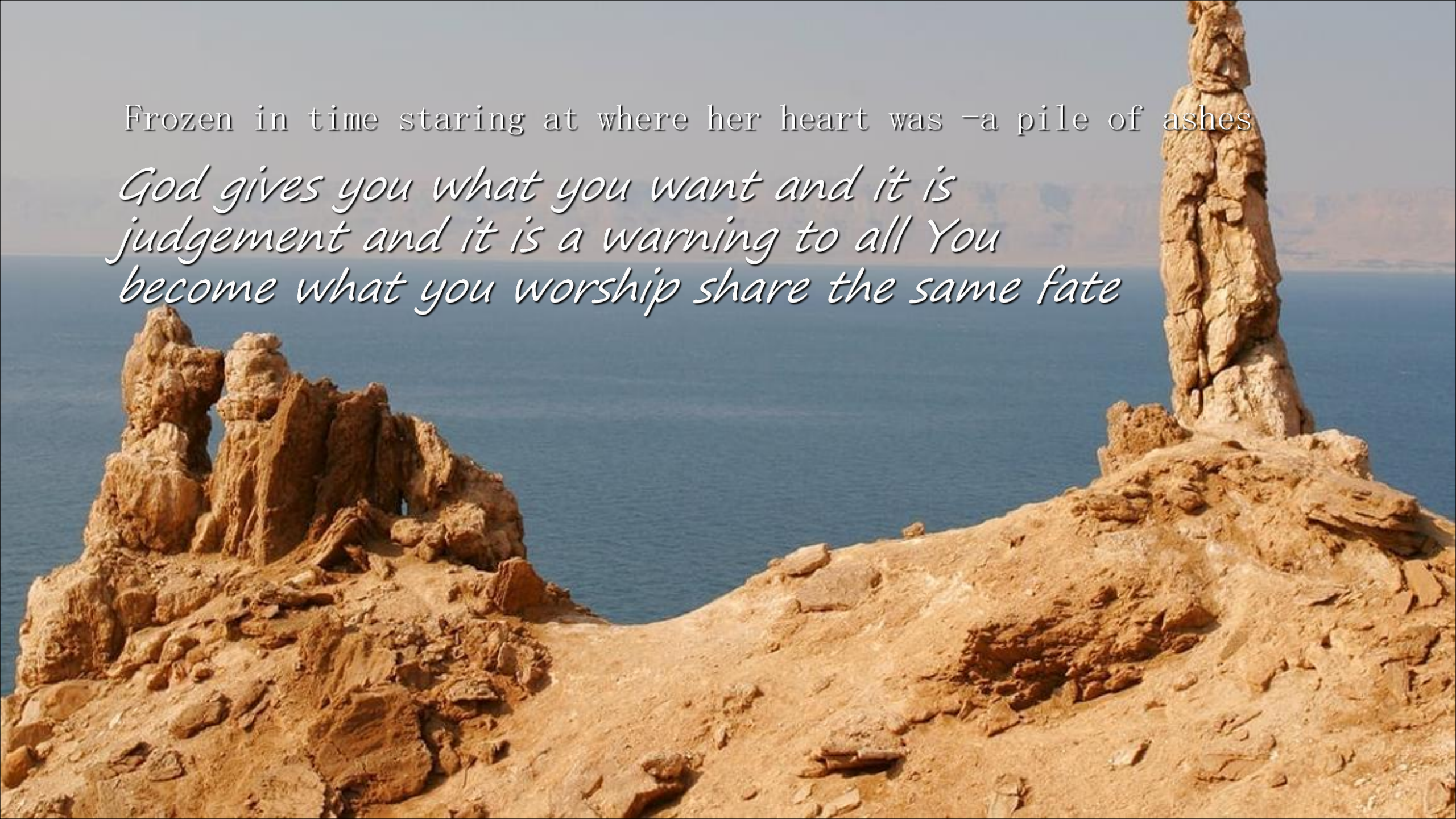
AFFECTS HIS WIFE

Genesis 19:23–26 (ESV) The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. 24 Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven. 25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

26 But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

Frozen in time staring at where her heart was -a pile of ashes

*God gives you what you want and it is
judgement and it is a warning to all You
become what you worship share the same fate*

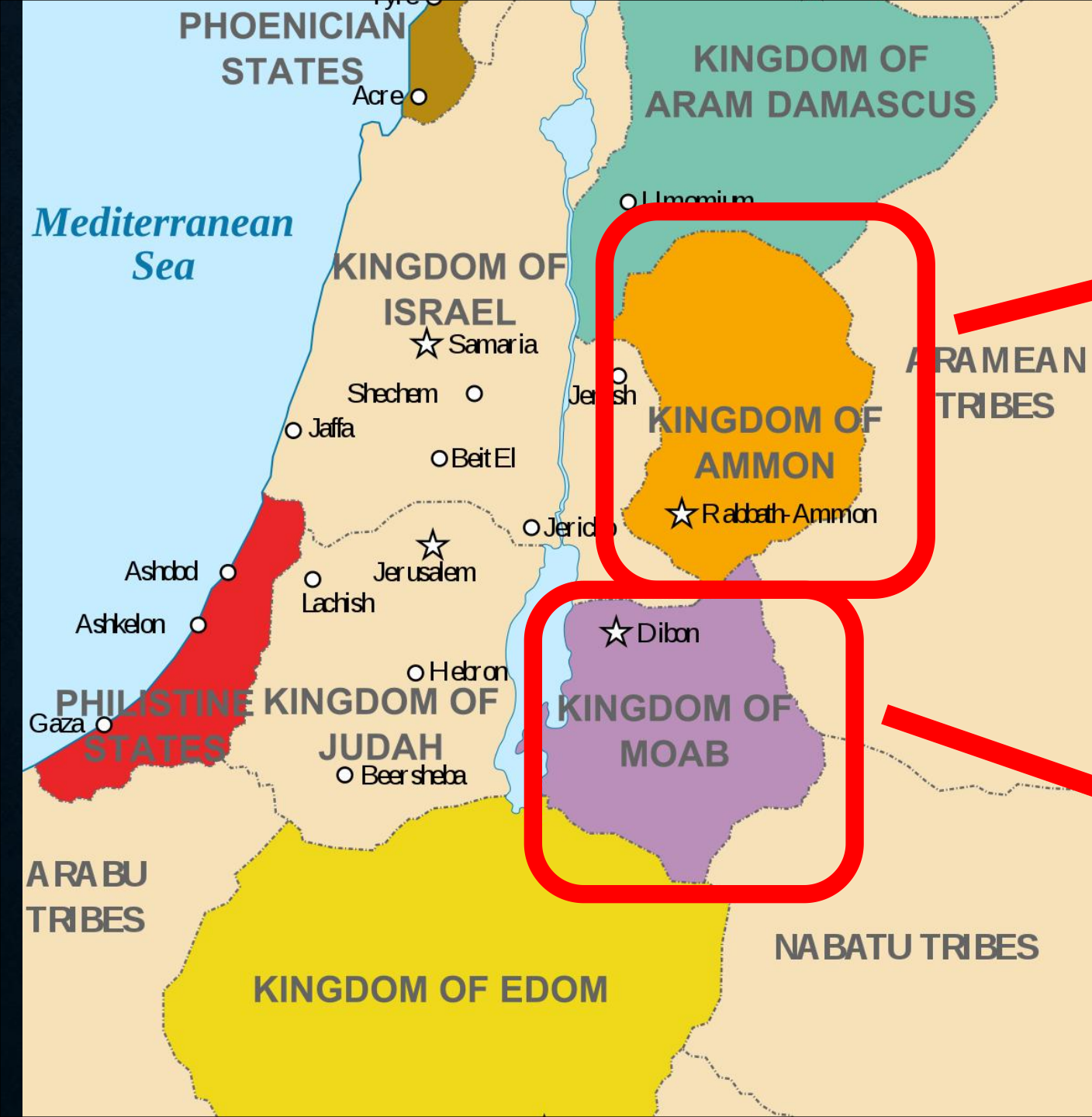


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Luke 17:32–35 (ESV) Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. 34 I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. 35 There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left."

AFFECTS HIS DAUGHTERS

- Daughters get him drunk and have sex with him
- Gave birth to Moab and Amnon
- Bitter enemies of Israel



The Ammonites were particularly cruel. Their god Molech demanded child-sacrifice

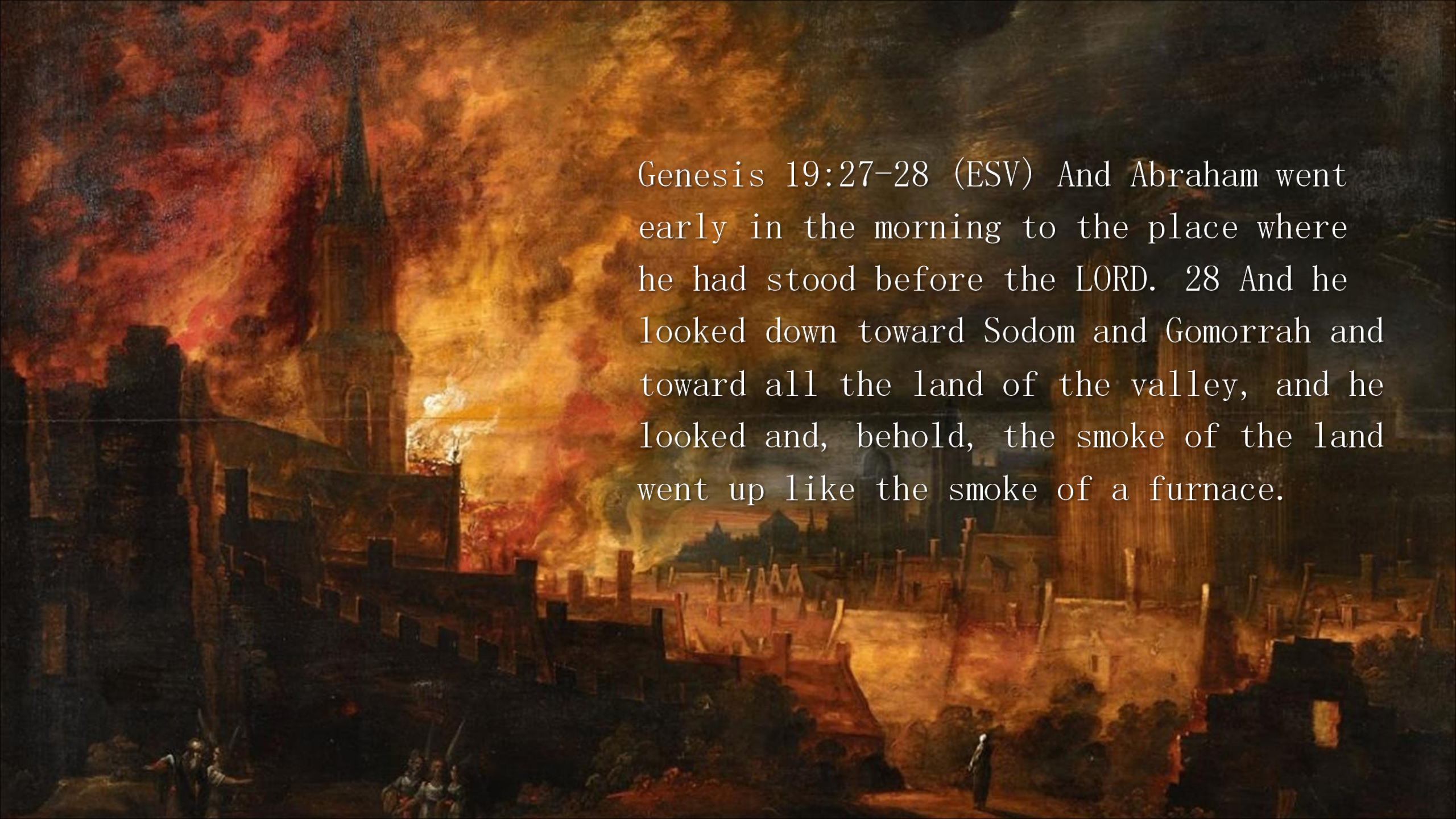
Moabites – worshipped fertility gods, sexual licence and organized orgies. (See Numbers 25.)

SIN

Sin always takes us further than we
intended to go and longer than we
intended to stay and cost us more
than we intended to pay

JUDGEMENT

- A. God always judges evil
- B. In judgement God exercises mercy
- C. Righteousness is not perfection it is faith



Genesis 19:27-28 (ESV) And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD. 28 And he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the valley, and he looked and, behold, the smoke of the land went up like the smoke of a furnace.

GOD SPARES LOT

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GOD SPARES ZOAR

Genesis 19:21–22 (ESV) He said to him, “Behold, I grant you this favor also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken. 22 Escape there quickly, for I can do nothing till you arrive there.” Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

WHY WAS LOT SAVED?

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

In answer to Abraham's Prayer
Blessing of the covenant

LOT DESCRIBED AS RIGHTEOUS AND GODLY

2 Peter 2:7–9 and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked 8 (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); 9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,

RIGHTEOUS BY TRUSTING IN THE GOD OF ABRAHAM

Lot

Righteous
Godly

2 Peter 2:7-9



troubled by the
sin he saw
around him in
Sodom
(Evidence of
obedience)



Offered daughters
for sex
Worldly faith

Simul Justus et Peccator



At once Justified and Sinner

1 Corinthians 3:13-15 (ESV) each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

A man with spiky brown hair and a beard is shown from the chest up. He is wearing a light green button-down shirt. He is holding a hookah, and white smoke is rising from it. The background is a dark wood-paneled wall. The text "SAVED BUT SINGED" is overlaid in white, stylized font across the middle of the image.

SAVED BUT SINGED

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