**Walk Through the Bible**

**Lesson Number Seventeen**

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**Lot and His Daughters Flee to a Cave – Noah and Lot are Types and Shadows of the Rapture – Lot’s Daughters Get Pregnant – The Son of Promise is Born – Ishmael and Hagar Sent Away**

We left off last week and the two angels had destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot and his two daughters survived the destruction of the two cities. Lot’s wife was turned into a pillar of salt as she looked back at the cities.

I don’t believe she was turned into a pillar of salt just for the fact that she looked back and saw the destruction. Obviously, Lot and his daughters saw the destruction too since they were able to tell what had happened. Lot’s wife must have looked back with a longing in her heart to still be a part of the wickedness of that society.

**Genesis 19:26 (KJV)**   
26  But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

In the Hebrew, the word used for “looked back” is the word “nabat.” It means to “look back intently” or “to *regard* with pleasure, favor or care.”

I see a lot of women in our society, even Christian women, who think the flamboyance of homosexual men is cute and funny. I can assure you, it is NOT funny to God, nor is it cute!

**Types and Shadows**

We have talked about how the Old Testament is full of types and shadows. We see something happen and by its very essence, it teaches us a lesson and it is an example of something God is showing us.

Several types and shadows can be gleaned from the story of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Abraham interceded (he was the “go-between) on the behalf of the **righteous people** living in Sodom and Gomorrah! In this case, Abraham was a type of “Jesus” our “High Priest.”

**Hebrews 7:24-25 (KJV)**   
24  But this *man*, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. 25  Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing **he ever liveth to make intercession for them**.

Lot and his daughters were types and shadows of the **righteous people** that Jesus makes intercession for.

The entire situation is a type and a shadow of the “rapture” or the great catching away of the Church that will end the Church Age or the Age of Grace.

**2 Peter 2:4-9 (KJV)**   
4  For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell **(Greek – tartarus – a place at the very lowest part of hell – a place mythology says is so far below the ground that if you dropped a stone, it would take it nine days to hit the bottom of Tartarus. Human beings do NOT go to Tartarus, only fallen angels)**, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 5  And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; 6  And **turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;   
7  And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8  (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;) 9  The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:**

God delivered “just LOT.” This does not mean “Lot alone,” it means Lot was a righteous or a just man.

Jesus makes intercession for us with God, our Father. Isn’t that incredible?! Jesus understands our weaknesses and our temptations and He knows EXACTLY how to pray for us.

**The Rapture**

The Bible tells us that Jesus will deliver us from God’s wrath that will be poured out in the Great Tribulation (**Jacob’s Trouble**).

**1 Thessalonians 5:9 (KJV)**   
9  For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Jesus is going to deliver us from the time of His great wrath, via the RAPTURE, at the end of this great “Church Age” and when the last one of us steps into heaven, God will begin to pour out His wrath on this earth! It will be just like it was in the days of Noah and in the days of Lot!

**Luke 17:26-30 (KJV)**   
26  And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.   
27  They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28  Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;   
29  But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all. 30  Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

You see, not only was the situation in Lot’s day a type and a shadow but so was the situation in Noah’s day!

Our world situation is extremely wicked! The sin in this world is a foul stench in God’s nostrils!

The book of Daniel spells out a prophecy that was given to him by the Lord and it ties in perfectly with what is written in the book of Revelation.

The prophecy concerned the Jewish nation and 490 weeks or seven year periods. When Jesus ascended into heaven, all but 7 years of this time period had taken place. When He ascended, that timeline was put on hold. Even the prophets in the Old Testament did not see it. They knew there was something there but God did not give them the revelation of those 490 weeks.

Every true believer on earth comprises the “Church.” When God says it is time, the archangel will blow the trumpet of God and we, the true believers on earth who “are alive and remain” will be changed in a moment, in the “twinkling of an eye.”

**1 Corinthians 15:51-54 (KJV)**   
51  Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,   
52  In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53  For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. 54  So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

What else does the Bible say about the “rapture?”

**1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 (KJV)**   
15  For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are **alive *and* remain** unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16  For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17  Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18  Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Did you know that after Jesus was resurrected, many of the righteous dead people were raised from their graves?

**Matthew 27:52-53 (KJV)**   
52  And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53  And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Some people have taught that ONLY those believers who are living for the Lord at the time of the rapture will go. The word “alive” is the Greek word, “zao.” It means to be quickened or lively.

Why would Paul say those which are **“alive and remain?”** Obviously if we remain, **we will be alive as will everyone who is not dead or “asleep”** as Paul puts it.

On the other hand, if we “remain” we will obviously be alive.

It is interesting to see what Jesus said about “remaining.”

**John 15:4 (NLT)**

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

Will a Christian who has “backslidden” make it to heaven in the rapture? It is hard to say but some people take the scriptures above to make their point that they will not. We should always strive to walk in the Spirit!

I do not want to get into an exhaustive study on the rapture at this time but I do want to say a couple of things.

The topic of the rapture came to the Church by “the word of the Lord” (1 Thes 4:15). What does this mean? I believe it means that it came through direct revelation from the Lord through the spiritual gifts and that was either through **tongues and the interpretation of tongues** or the equivalent of those two which is **prophecy**.

There are nine spiritual gifts and they are spelled out in 1 Corinthians chapters twelve, thirteen and fourteen.

Many believers and churches do not believe three of those nine are in effect today. Those three are, tongues, the interpretation of tongues and prophecy.

We have heard stories of how there will be catastrophic car crashes, train crashes, airplane crashes, etc., when the rapture occurs since the operators of those vehicles will be instantly removed from their place.

I believe God has given me revelation in this area. You are not required to believe as I do but the Bible plainly tells us that God is NOT the author of confusion!

**1 Corinthians 14:33 (KJV)**   
33  For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

I have never heard anyone else say what I am about to tell you about the rapture. This is what I believe God has revealed to me concerning how the rapture will occur.

Notice that, even though the Bible says we will all be changed “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye” and it also says the dead in Christ will rise first, followed by those of us who are “alive and remain,” **it NEVER says we will be taken to heaven in the “twinkling of an eye.”**

Sometimes we are guilty of reading more into the Bible than is really there.

Numbers are important in the Word of God and certain numbers represent certain things. You can do further studies on this on your own but the number seven represents wholeness. The number eight represents perfection. God also uses the number forty, many times. It rained for 40 days and nights when Noah and his family were in the ark. Moses fasted twice, forty days at a time. Jesus fasted for forty days. Jesus remained on the earth for forty days after he was resurrected from the dead and so on.

I believe that those of us who are “alive and remain” will be changed instantly, in the twinkling of an eye, just like the Bible says. But, I do not believe we will be taken immediately into heaven and the Bible never says we will be.

The Bible tells us that during this seven years of “trials and tribulations” that “all Israel will be saved.”

**Romans 11:26-27 (GW)**   
26  In this way Israel as a whole will be saved, as Scripture says, “The Savior will come from Zion. He will remove godlessness from Jacob. 27  My promise to them will be fulfilled when I take away their sins.” (See Zech. 12:10 – Zech. 13:1; 14:1-15; Mt. 24:39; Isa. 66:7,8.)

Bear in mind that not everyone who calls themselves a Jew is, in fact, a Jew! The true Jews that were not in the Church at the time of the rapture, or the changing of our bodies from mortal to immortal, will be saved during the seven years of trials and tribulation. (Read about the Khazar Jews, a group of people who are not Jews but took on that name. <https://en.wikipedia.org/?title=Khazars>. Also, read this article; <http://www.darkmoon.me/2013/top-israeli-scientist-says-ashkenazi-jews-came-from-khazaria-not-palestine/>.)

God has set certain spiritual laws into effect. The Bible tells us plainly that in order to be saved, we MUST hear the gospel of Christ.

**Romans 10:13-18 (KJV)**   
13  For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14  How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15  And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16  But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17  So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 18  But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

God set in order that people will hear the preaching of the gospel and through the power of the Holy Spirit, they will believe in Jesus and then through faith, they will call upon the name of the Lord and will be saved!

When we are changed in the twinkling of an eye, we will put off mortality and we will no longer be restricted by the natural laws of this universe. I believe we will instantly start preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to Jews all over the world. At the end of forty days, when all the Jews have accepted Christ, we will walk into heaven just like Enoch did.

Then all of the true Jews who have come to know Jesus as their savior will be gathered together. (See Isa. 11:1-12; 66:19-21; Mt. 24:31

Directly after the rapture, the anti-christ will be revealed and the final seven years, split into two distinct three and one half year periods will begin.

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-10 (KJV)**   
3  Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4  Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

**Lot and His Daughters Move to a Cave for Safety**

**Genesis 19:30 (NLT)**

30Now Lot went up out of Zoar and settled in the hills with his two daughters, for he was afraid to stay in Zoar; so he lived in a cave with his two daughters.

Others in the Bible have had to resort to living in caves to be safe. Osama Bin Laden did the same thing in Afghanistan.

1. Lot and daughters (Gen. 19:30)

2. Five kings of Canaan (Josh. 10:16)

3. Israel during the judges (Judg. 6:2)

4. Israel when Saul reigned (1Sam. 13:6)

5. David and his men (1Sam. 22:1-4)

6. David when hunted by Saul (1Sam. 24)

7. David when at war (2Sam. 23:13)

8. A hundred prophets (1Ki. 18:4,[13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Ki+18%3A13))

9. Elijah, hunted by Jezebel (1Ki. 19:9)

10. Israel in war (Ezek. 33:27)

The wickedness of the lifestyle of the citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah was integrated into the way of Lot’s daughters’ thinking just as it was in their mother.

Genesis 19:31 - 38 (NLT)

31And the firstborn said to the younger, “Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to come in to us after the manner of all the world. 32Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, so that we may preserve offspring through our father.” 33So they made their father drink wine that night; and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; he did not know when she lay down or when she rose. 34On the next day, the firstborn said to the younger, “Look, I lay last night with my father; let us make him drink wine tonight also; then you go in and lie with him, so that we may preserve offspring through our father.” 35So they made their father drink wine that night also; and the younger rose, and lay with him; and he did not know when she lay down or when she rose. 36Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father. 37The firstborn bore a son, and named him Moab; he is the ancestor of the Moabites to this day. 38The younger also bore a son and named him Ben-ammi; he is the ancestor of the Ammonites to this day.

All the daughters knew about men is that they were homosexual. They believed that was the only kind of man left! What a horrible thing to say about their society! Drunkenness was probably a way of life in their society too.

Lot and his first born daughter produced the Moabites.

Lot and his youngest daughter produced the Ammonites.

Both of these men lived shameful and sinful lives. They were both cursed!

**Abraham Misrepresents Sarah as His Sister Again**

In Genesis chapter 20, Abraham, once again, passes Sarah off as his sister to King Abimelech of Gerar.

King Abimelech almost died because of this even though it wasn’t his fault.

**Isaac, the Son of Promise is Born – Ishmael is 13 Years Old**

# Genesis 21 (NLT)

21 1The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. 2She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. 3And Abraham named their son Isaac. 4Eight days after Isaac was born, Abraham circumcised him as God had commanded. 5Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born.

6And Sarah declared, “God has brought me laughter. All who hear about this will laugh with me. 7Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse a baby? Yet I have given Abraham a son in his old age!”

### Hagar and Ishmael Are Sent Away

8When Isaac grew up and was about to be weaned, Abraham prepared a huge feast to celebrate the occasion. 9But Sarah saw Ishmael—the son of Abraham and her Egyptian servant Hagar—making fun of her son, Isaac. 10So she turned to Abraham and demanded, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son. He is not going to share the inheritance with my son, Isaac. I won’t have it!”

11This upset Abraham very much because Ishmael was his son. 12But God told Abraham, “Do not be upset over the boy and your servant. Do whatever Sarah tells you, for Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted. 13But I will also make a nation of the descendants of Hagar’s son because he is your son, too.”

14So Abraham got up early the next morning, prepared food and a container of water, and strapped them on Hagar’s shoulders. Then he sent her away with their son, and she wandered aimlessly in the wilderness of Beersheba.

15When the water was gone, she put the boy in the shade of a bush. 16Then she went and sat down by herself about a hundred yards[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2021&version=NLT#fen-NLT-530c)] away. “I don’t want to watch the boy die,” she said, as she burst into tears.

17But God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, “Hagar, what’s wrong? Do not be afraid! God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. 18Go to him and comfort him, for I will make a great nation from his descendants.”

19Then God opened Hagar’s eyes, and she saw a well full of water. She quickly filled her water container and gave the boy a drink.

20And God was with the boy as he grew up in the wilderness. He became a skillful archer, 21and he settled in the wilderness of Paran. His mother arranged for him to marry a woman from the land of Egypt.