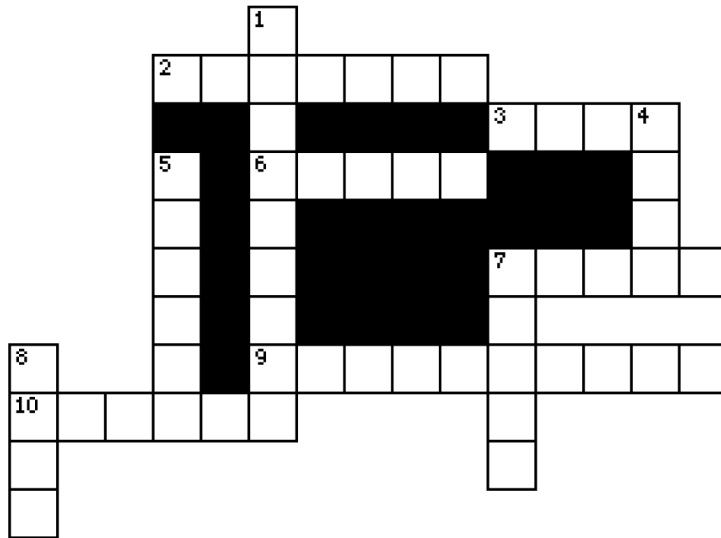


Sodom & Gomorrah



- 2 ACROSS "The Lord knows how to _____ the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment." 2 PETER 2:9
- 10 ACROSS "Now the two _____ 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 he bowed himself with his face toward the ground." GENESIS 19:1
- 6 ACROSS "And he said, 'Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the _____, and was your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way.' And they said, 'No, but we will spend the night in the open square.'" GENESIS 19:2
- 7 DOWN "But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his _____." GENESIS 19:3
- 9 ACROSS "Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, _____ the house." GENESIS 19:4
- 4 DOWN "The men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the _____." GENESIS. 19:10
- 1 DOWN "And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with _____, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door." GENESIS 19:11
- 7 ACROSS "When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to _____, saying, 'Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city.'" GENESIS 19:15
- 5 DOWN "So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, '_____ for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed.'" GENESIS 19:17
- 3 ACROSS "Then the _____ rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens." GENESIS 19:24
- 8 DOWN But Lot's wife "looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of _____." GENESIS 19:26



THE STORY OF SODOM & GOMORRAH

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So God sent two angels to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, to see if there were just ten good people there.

Abraham's nephew Lot met the two angels at the gate of the city. (The angels looked like ordinary men).

Lot bowed to the ground. "Please come to my house and have dinner with us and stay the night."

The angels said, "No. We will spend the night in the city square."

Lot said, "No, please, come and stay with us." Lot knew how evil the people in Sodom were, and that they would try to hurt the angels if the angels spent the night in the square.

So the angels went to Lot's house and Lot made dinner for them.

Later that evening, in the dark of the night, the people of Sodom began to surround Lot's house.

"Lot! We want to meet your guests," they shouted from outside the door. "Send them out so we can say hello." But they were lying. They really wanted to have fun doing terrible things to Lot's guests.

Lot stepped outside the door to plead with his neighbors. "Please go away and leave us alone," he said.

But these evil people crowded all the more around Lot's house. They were laughing and shouting horrible things. They pressed so

hard against the house; they were about to break down the door.

The angels reached out and pulled Lot back into the house and shut the door. Then they struck the men who were at the door with blindness so that they couldn't find the door.

Then the angels said to Lot, "You and your family must leave this place. God is about to destroy it!"

So Lot went out to speak to the two young men who were going to marry his two daughters. He said to them, "We have to get out of this place, because the LORD is about to destroy the city!" But the young men thought he was joking.

It was a long night.

Early the next morning, in the pale light before the sun had risen, the angels said to Lot, "Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters and leave this place, or you will die with everyone else!"

But Lot was so afraid he couldn't move. So the angels grabbed him by the hand, and they grabbed the hands of his wife and of his two daughters, and they led them out of the city. As soon as they were safely out of the city, one of the angels said, "Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!"

And then God rained fire onto the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Thick, black smoke filled the air like smoke from a fiery furnace.

But Lot's wife looked back - even though the angels warned her not to - and she was turned into a pillar of salt.

And so God wiped out the sin of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Sin is a terrible, terrible thing.

But God saved Lot and his two daughters.