

## Genesis 19

Ch, note the ritual; of hospitality being offered

It would be shameful to Lot to have them sleep outside

The rush of the Sodomites: like fresh meat in prison

This is not simply a rejection of hospitality, this is sexual aggression here

Note the offering of daughters: heightens the sexual aspect

The rape culture on our own streets is not much better

recall that Lot is not a model of faith, nor are his family

going to the small place: God is merciful even in punishment

origin of Ammon and Moab, place names, nations conceived in sin

straight people drawn into the sins of Sodom

Lot's wife: she is looking back on her past

A pillar of salt: it is ultimately a sterile symbol

Abraham sees it all: sees God's power and promise

## Ch 20

Another passing of off Sarah: this is the E version of it, rev Genesis 12

Sexuality of married life: it is sacred to God Himself

v. 3 you are about to die

note the threat of sterility

Abimelech makes things right with offerings and sacrifice

## Ch 21 The covenant is passed on

Note: /Sarah laughed: but She not Hagar is the wife of the covenant

God hears the boy's cry: the defenseless child is sacred to God

This is in Judea not Arabia

Note the polite negotiations over the well, and a purchase

## 22 Trial of Abraham: a horrible story ("years of psychotherapy")

\*is it only a test? But it does foreshadow the Cross

\* God is teaching A a lesson after Hagar

\*Kierkegaard: faith that is based only on the possible is not faith

He; there is no explanation of this

\*this is a response to the common child sacrifice of the period

\*the promise God makes to His faithful v. 15 ff.

## 23 Burial of Sarah; the purchase of the land

Note who the Hittites are: a northern people

Note the Hebrew/Jewish attitude on burial: it is essential

Resident aliens normally cannot own land (cf. Mexico): it would give rights: tombs are used for generations

Note they tried to get around this rather than give him rights

This is how land deals are done "at the gate"