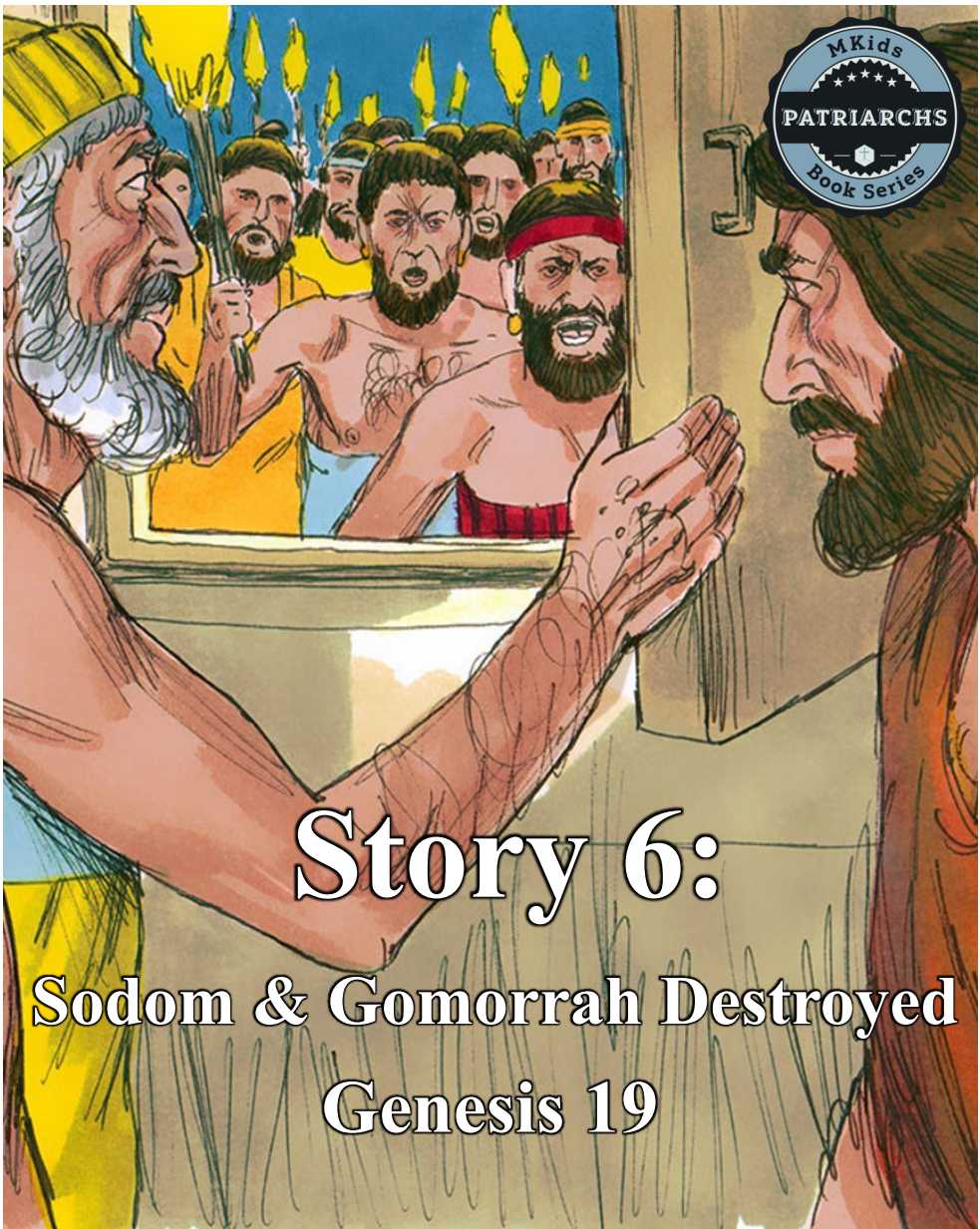




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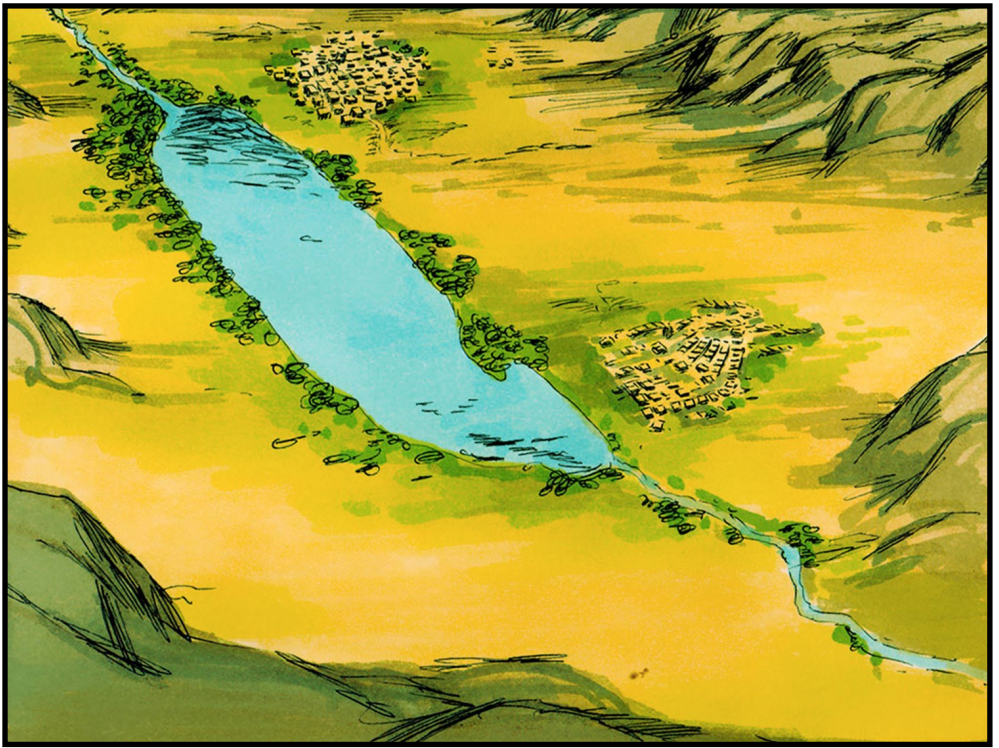




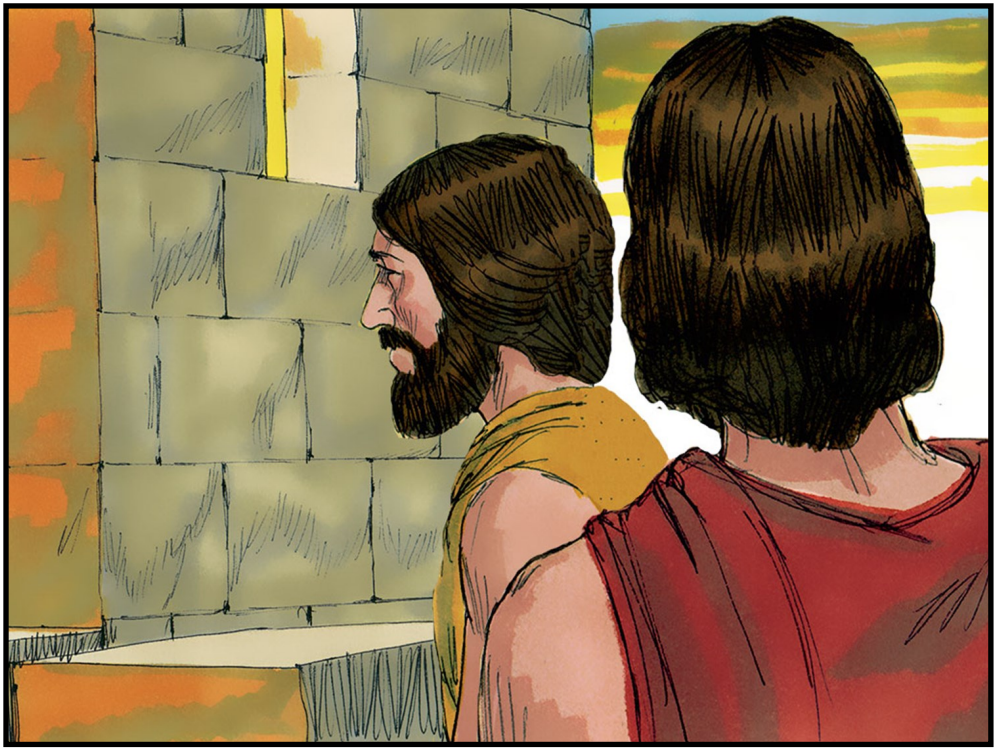
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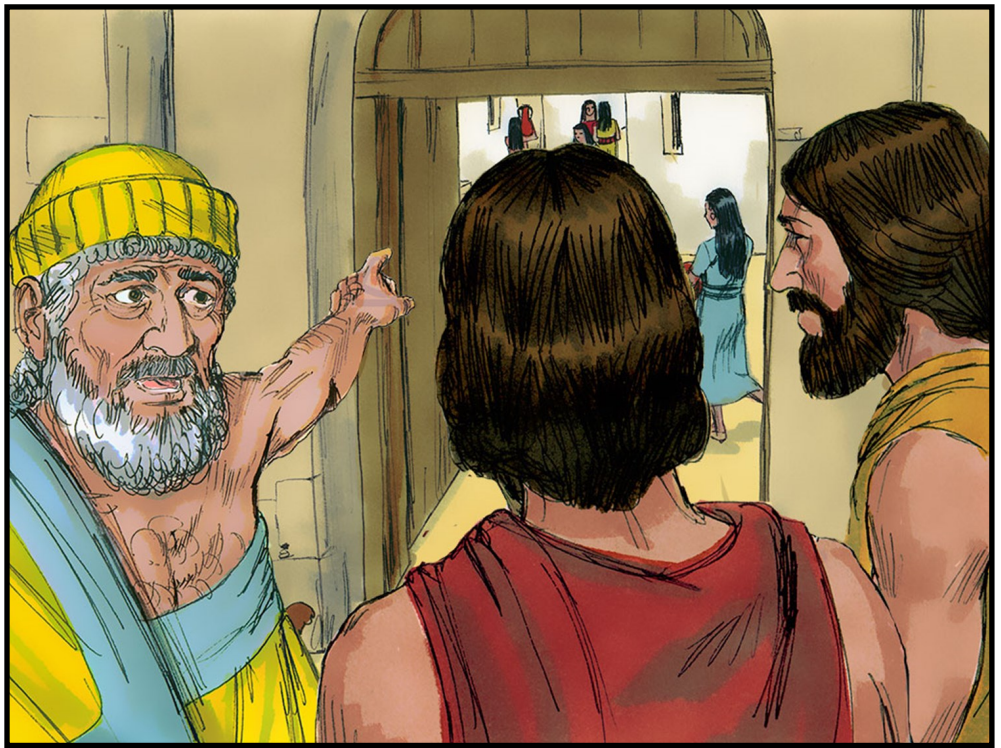
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Abraham had a nephew named Lot. He and his family chose to live by the Dead Sea in the city of Sodom. Even though the land was very good there, the people were very wicked.



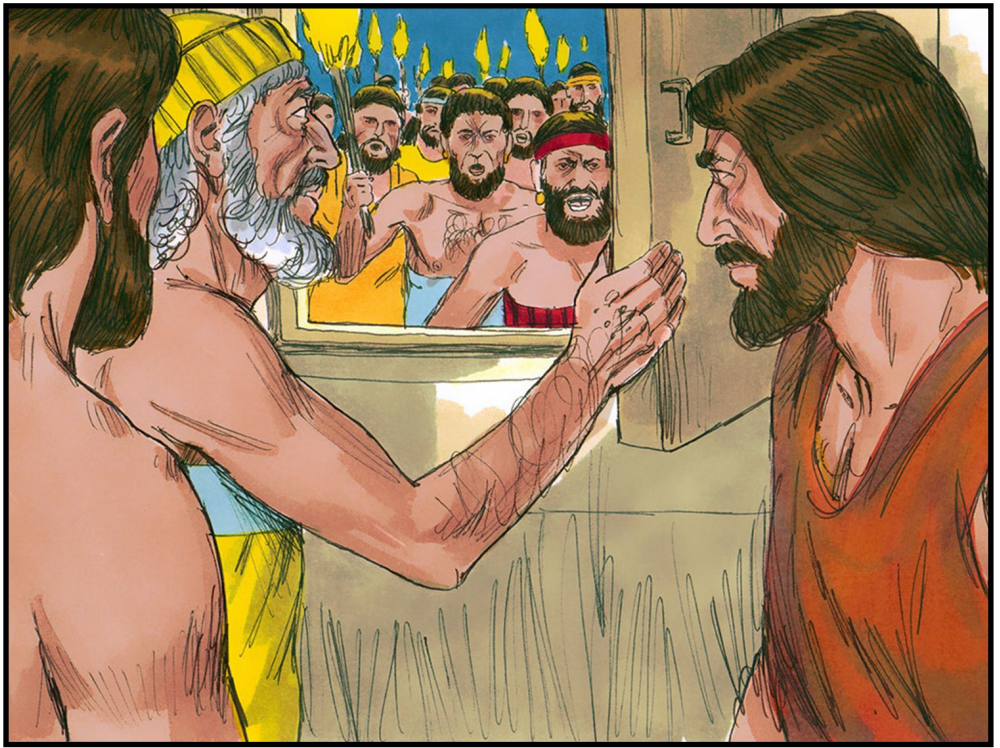
After leaving Abraham's tent, the two angels who looked like men, arrived at Sodom just as it was getting dark outside.



Lot was sitting by the city gate. When he saw the angels, he bowed down to honor them. Then, he invited them to spend the night at his house, but the angels said, “No, we will spend the night in the city square.” However, Lot kept insisting that they stay at his house.



The men went with Lot to his house where he prepared a big meal for them. He made bread without yeast. And they all ate together.

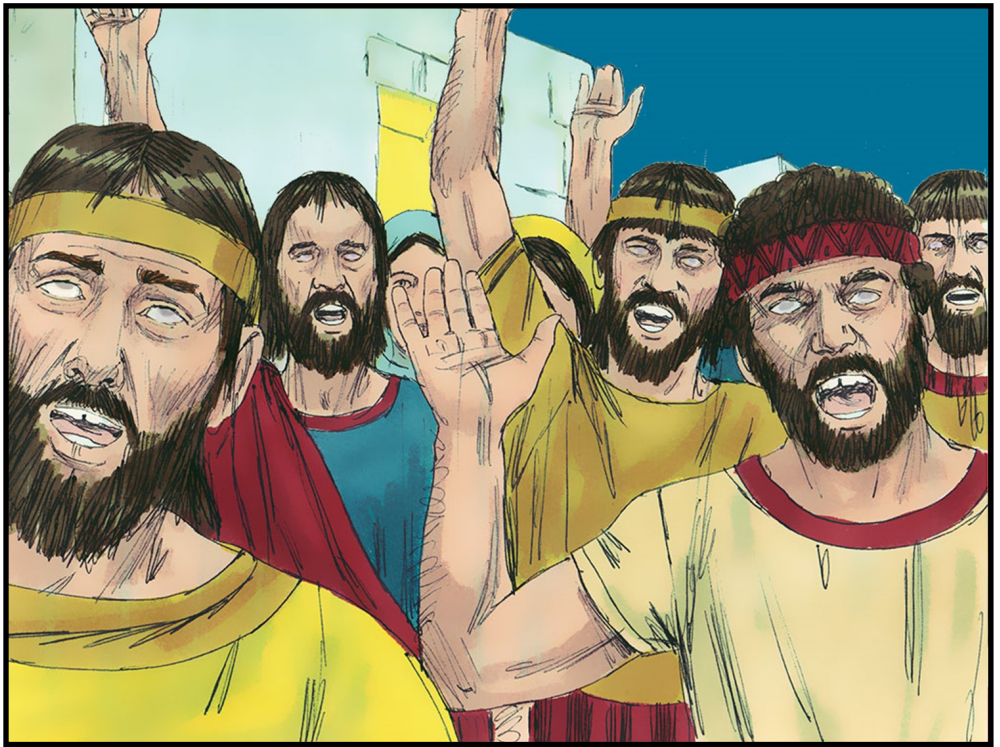


Right before they all went to bed, the young and old men from all over the city stormed Lot's house. The mob of men from the city completely surrounded the house saying, "Hand over your two guests to us."

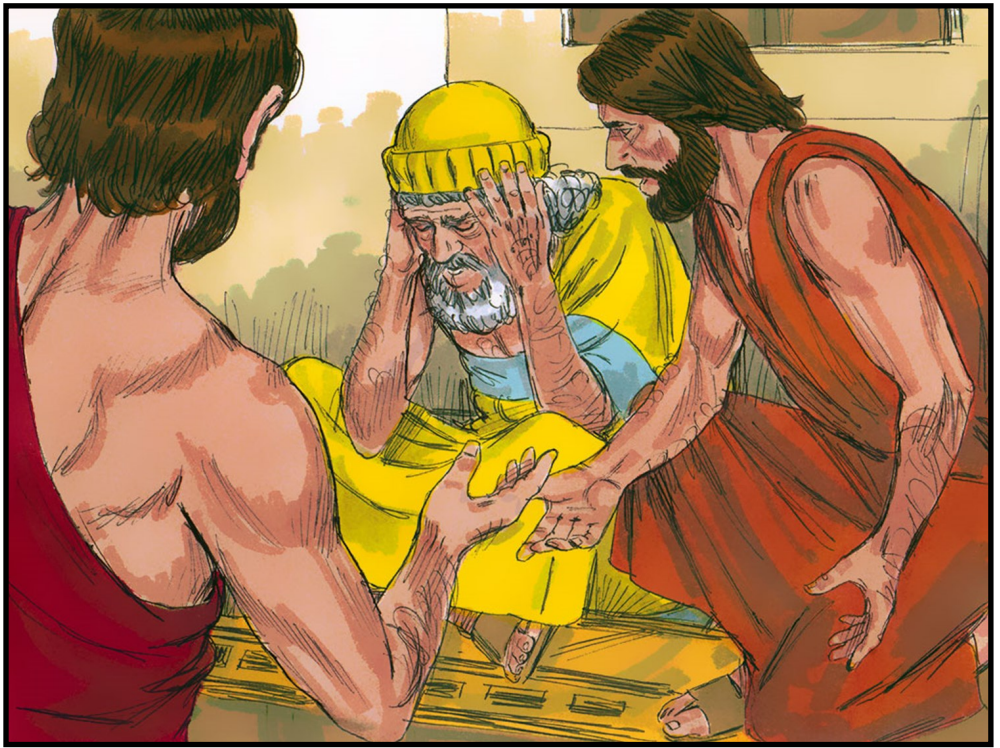


Lot went outside and shut the door. “No,” he shouted, “don’t do this evil thing! These men are my honored guests.”

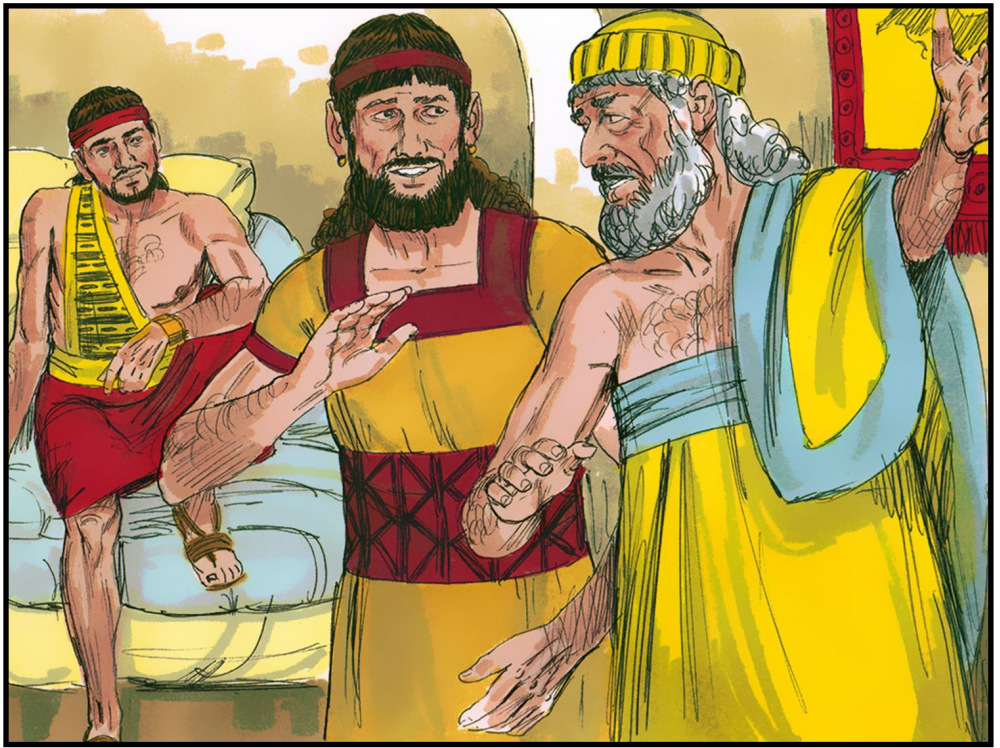
The men shouted, “Get out of our way! You are an outsider to our city. We’ll treat you worse than them.” Then, the men moved forward to break down the door.



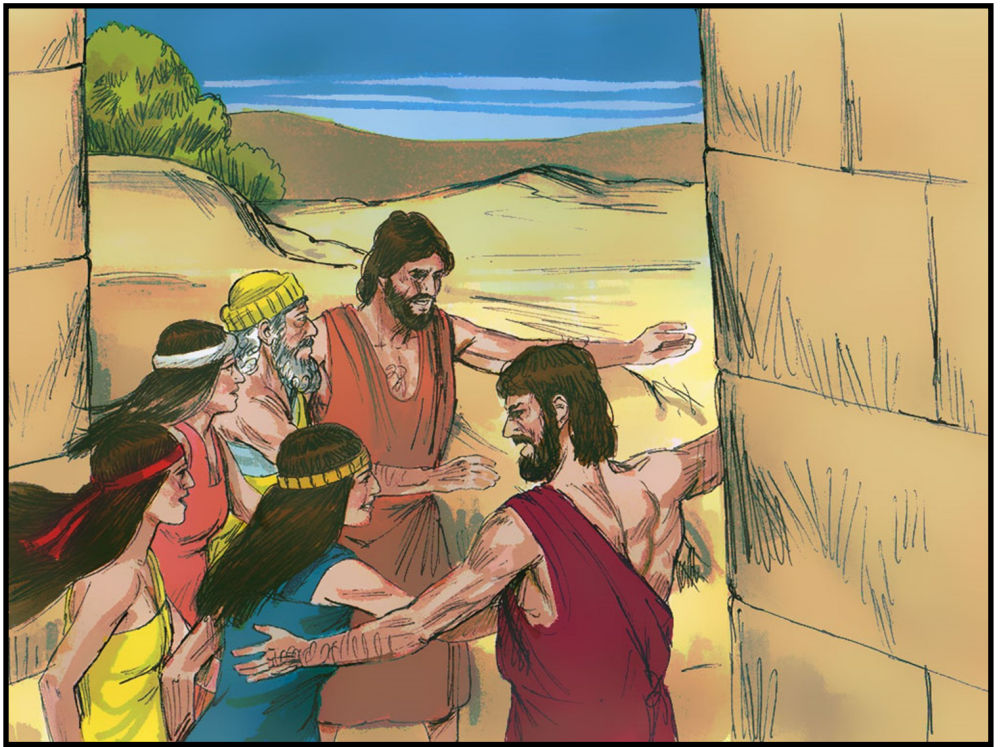
Immediately, the two angels pulled Lot back inside the house and slammed the door. Then, the angels struck the men of the city and blinded all of them so that they could not see.



“Do you have any relatives in this city?” the angels asked. “You need to get them out of here! The people of this city have become so evil that God is going to destroy it.”



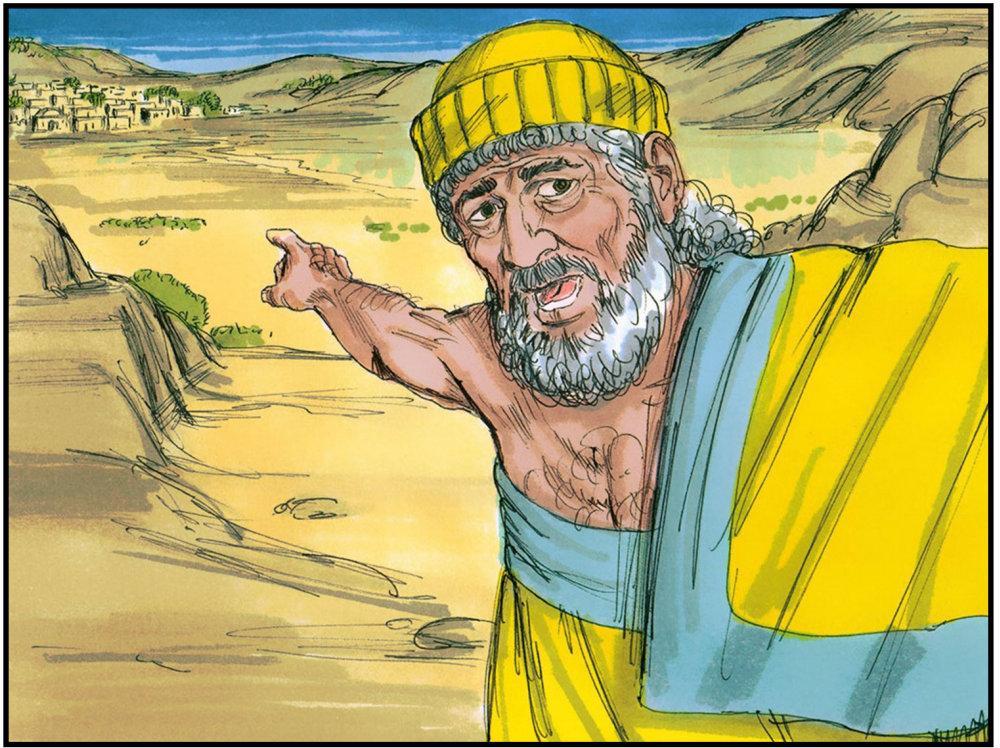
Lot went to find the two men who were supposed to marry his daughters. He told them, “Hurry up! Get out of this place! God is going to destroy the whole city,” but they would not listen. They thought Lot was joking with them.



As the sun was beginning to rise, the angels tried to get Lot and his family to leave. “Hurry!” they said. “If you do not leave, you will be destroyed along with the city.” When they did not move right away, the angels grabbed their hands and led them out.

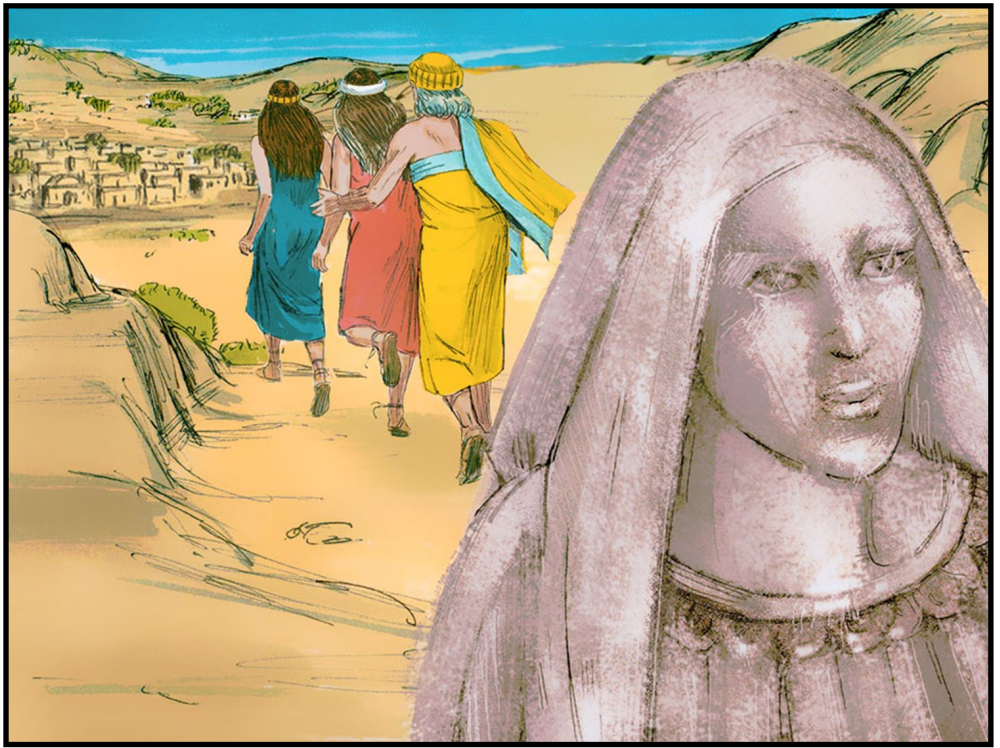


As they were coming out of the city, one of the angels said, “Run for your lives! What-ever happens, do not look back at the city. Do not stop running until you reach the mountains.”



Lot said to them, “I cannot get to the mountains in time before you destroy the city. I will die. Look, there is a small town that I can reach in time.”

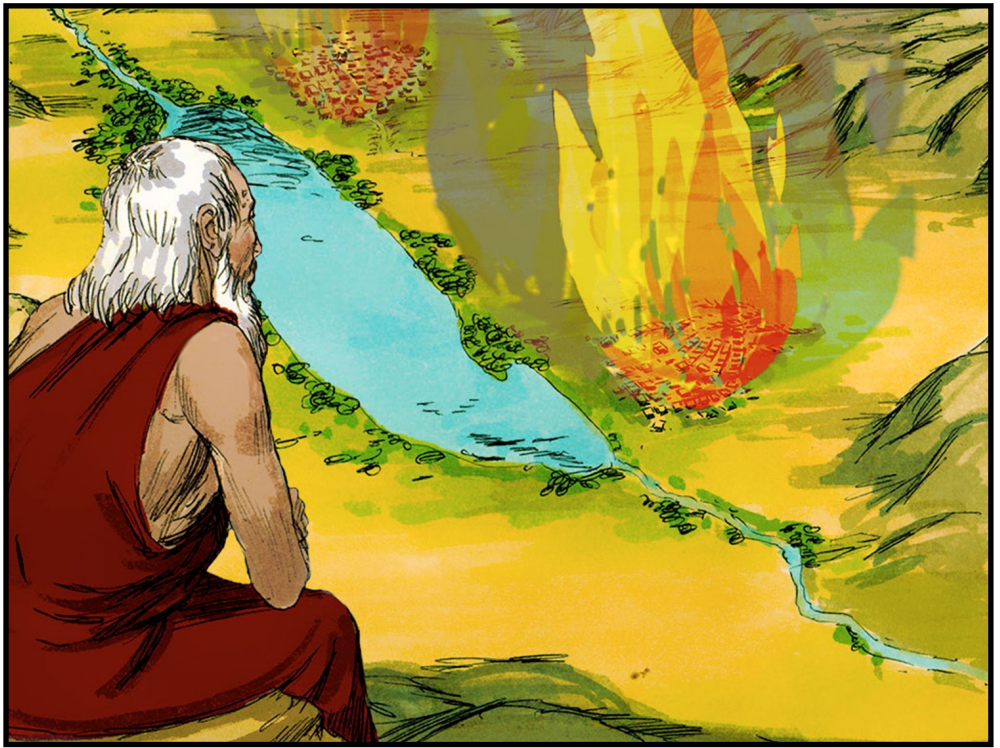
The angels said, “Very well, that town will be spared from the destruction, but run quickly!”



As God began to rain down fire from heaven to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot's wife looked back at the city. Since she did not listen earlier to the angels warning to not look back, her body turned into a pillar of salt.



The LORD saved the lives of Lot and his two daughters that day. They made it to the small town called Zoar where they were able to take shelter.



Early the next morning, Abraham went to the place where he once stood with the LORD. He looked down at Sodom and Gomorrah as they were burning. There was thick smoke rising up from the valley. Though God had destroyed all the wicked people living in the two cities, He saved Lot and his two daughters.

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