



Way Point Chronicles

Traveling through the Old Testament by Chronological Stories

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judgment among the inhabitants of the earth. Third. "I have known him." The Lord has made himself known to him, has manifested his love to him, has renewed him after his own image; and hence this judgment upon Sodom is to be explained to him, that he may train his household to avoid the sins of this doomed city, "to keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; and all this to the further intent that the Lord may bring upon Abraham what he hath spoken of him." The awful judgments of the Lord on Sodom, as before on the antediluvian world, are a warning example to all who are spared or hear of them. And those who, notwithstanding these monuments of the divine vengeance, will cease to do justice and judgment, may be certain that they will not continue to enjoy the benefits of the covenant of grace. For all these reasons it is meet that the secret of Lord be with him

III- Exploring the Rumors:

So the decision is made by God to reveal His intent to Abraham. *Genesis 18:20-22* **And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; 21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. 22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.**

We know that the wickedness of Sodom had not just happened in the last few days. It has been a wicked city for years. Notice what is said years before when Abraham and Lot separated some 23 years or so before. *Genesis 13:13* **But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.**

These cities will become examples for the ages of the destruction of sin and God's judgment. The language here is spoken in the language a man might use. The point is that God did not destroy these cities without knowing the full manner of their sin.

Notice it says Abraham stood yet with the Lord after the men departed.

IV- Abraham's Intercession:

The greatness of Abraham shines thru here as he acts as an intercessor for the humans in Sodom. Abraham certainly never condoned the sins of the men but realized it was a fearful thing for any human, no matter how wicked he has been or is, to go into eternity. Jude tells us in *Jude 1:22-23* **And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.**

Abraham knew God was a God of compassion so when he is told that Sodom is going to be destroyed he begins to intercede. Notice the progression of numbers from 50 to 10 for the sparing of the city.



**Coordinates:
Genesis 18:16-33**

Sights to See:

- 1- The sins of mankind are never hidden from the eyes of God.**
- 2- God never judges unjustly nor hastily.**
- 3- Abraham's intercession for Sodom was rooted in his relationship with God.**
- 4- Abraham knew that God was a righteous God who would do right in all things.**
- 5- Abraham stood in the gap with God for this city that was a wicked place.**
- 6- It is a fearful thing for anyone to pass into eternity without a relationship with God through Christ.**
- 7- Is there someone that you are standing in the gap for?**

