

Back to the Beginning: Consequences! Consequences!

Gen 19:30-20:1-18

1. Identify the actions and consequences of Lot and his daughters and discuss whether there was really any blame to be attributed to any of the characters in the story – Lot, the people of Zoar, the older daughter, the younger daughter. Were the daughters simply preserving their family line? Remember, that this incident occurs before the giving of the Law, and it was still permissible at that time for people to marry family members. Does this apply to this incident?
2. The two sons born become the ancestors of the Moabites and Ammonites. They were not part of the direct line of blessing to come from Abraham, but they were supposed to be blessed by that direct line, as were the rest of the nations of the world. Find out the kind of interactions that occurred between these nations and the Israelites. See for example: Ex. 15; Num. 21-25; Deut. 23; Judg. 3, 10, and 11; 1 Sam. 11; 2 Sam. 10-12; 1 Kings 11.
3. Some scholars think that the Gen. 19 story of Abraham passing off his wife Sarah as his sister is just a retelling of the story in Gen. 12. Compare the accounts in Gen. 12 and 19. What are the similarities and differences? Do you think they are the same? If they are accounts of two different occasions on which Abraham used this ruse, what does it say about Abraham, and Sarah. Note: there may have been other times when Abraham used this ruse (see 19:13) but only two are recorded.

