

18:16-19:29 structure (location and content)

A: 18:16: MAMRE: visitors look toward Sodom (verb, *shqf*, only 19:28, 26:8 in Gen)

B: 18:17-21: OVERLOOKING SODOM: YHWH's perspective on S/G

C: 18:22-33: OVERLOOKING SODOM: Abraham pleads for Sodom (Heb verb, *moth* ["slay" or "die"] only 18:25 and 19:19 in this story; Heb verb *ns'* ["forgive" or "lift up"], only 18:24, 26, 19:21 in this story; Heb verb, *tispeh* ["sweep away" or "consume"] only 18:23-24 and 19:15, 17 in Genesis)

D: 19:1-3: SODOM GATES: evening: the angels arrive (Heb, *mal'akh* ["angel" or "messenger"] only here and 19:15 in this story): Lot "urges" them to stay

E: 19:4-11: OUTSIDE LOT'S HOUSE: assault: "Lot went out": the city people want to screw around with the outsiders

F: 19:12-13: INSIDE LOT'S HOUSE: destruction announced

E': 19:14: OUTSIDE LOT'S HOUSE: sons-in-law reject (side with city men): "Lot went out"; he appears to be "screwing with them" (Heb, *chimtsa-cheq*)

D': 19:15-16: BY GATES: morning: the angelic departure: they "urge" Lot to leave

C': 19:17-22: OUTSIDE SODOM: Lot pleads (for himself!)

B': 19:23-26: [NO LOCATION GIVEN]: YHWH's perspective: S/G destroyed

A': 19:27-28: MAMRE: [? SEEMS TO BE OVERLOOKING SODOM]: Abraham looks toward Sodom

conclusion: 19:29

some internal biblical interpretations of the story:

Jeremiah 23:14 (prophets of Jerusalem), 49:7-22 (Edom); 50:35ff (Babylon); Ezekiel 16:35-50 (Israel and Judah); Amos 4 ("cows of Bashan" in Samaria)

Matthew 10:14-16 (unwelcoming towns); 11:23-24 (Capernaum); 2 Peter 2 (false prophets and false teachers); Revelation 11:3-8

parallels between Flood and Sodom stories

1. stories of destruction caused by human wickedness in which one man and family are saved
2. followed by wine-induced drunkenness and child-observed nakedness
3. righteousness (6:9, 18:19; 23-32, Hebrew noun, *tsedaqah*)
4. divine self reflection (6:5-8; 18:17-21)
5. Hebrew verb, *shchth*, to describe destruction (6:13, 17; 9:11, 15; 18:28, 31, 32; 19:13, 14, 29)
6. angels putting out a hand to pull in Lot and Noah putting out a hand to pull in the dove (8:9; 19:10)
7. YHWH makes it "rain" (7:4, 19:24, Hebrew verb *mtr*; only 2.5 elsewhere in Genesis; cf. Ex 9.23)
8. "God remembered X" (8:1; 19:29)
9. shutting the door (7:16, 19:6, 10)