

Abraham, Isaac & Jacob

The Custodians of the Covenant and their Descendants

Part 8

2 Peter 3:1-7 AMPC

1 Beloved, I am now writing you this second letter. In [both of] them I have stirred up your unsullied (sincere) mind by way of remembrance,

2 That you should recall the predictions of the holy (consecrated, dedicated) prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior [given] through your apostles (His special messengers).

3 To begin with, you must know and understand this, that scoffers (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires

4 And say, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation.

5 For they willfully overlook and forget this [fact], that the heavens [came into] existence long ago by the word of God, and the earth also which was formed out of water and by means of water,

6 Through which the world that then [existed] was deluged with water and perished.

7 But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been stored up (reserved) for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly people.

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Jude AMPC 1-7

1 Jude, **a servant of Jesus Christ (the Messiah)**, and brother of James, [writes this letter] to those who are called (chosen), dearly loved by God the Father and separated (set apart) and kept for Jesus Christ:

2 May mercy, [soul] peace, and love be multiplied to you.

3 Beloved, my whole concern was to write to you in regard to our common salvation. **[But] I found it necessary and was impelled to write you and urgently appeal to and exhort [you] to contend for the faith which was once for all [a]handed down to the saints [the faith which is that sum of Christian belief which was delivered verbally to the holy people of God].**

4 For **certain men** have crept in stealthily [gaining entrance secretly by a side door]. **Their doom was predicted long ago, ungodly (impious, profane) persons who pervert the grace (the spiritual blessing and favor) of our God into lawlessness and wantonness and immorality,** and disown and deny our sole Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

5 **Now I want to remind you, though you were fully informed once for all, that though the Lord [at one time] delivered a people out of the land of Egypt, He subsequently destroyed those [of them] who did not believe [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him].**

6 **And angels** who did not keep (care for, guard, and hold to) their own first place of power but abandoned their proper dwelling place—these He has reserved in custody in eternal chains (bonds) under the thick gloom of utter darkness until the judgment and doom of the great day.

7 **[The wicked are sentenced to suffer] just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the adjacent towns—which likewise gave themselves over to impurity and indulged in unnatural vice and sensual perversity—are laid out [in plain sight] as an exhibit of perpetual punishment [to warn] of everlasting fire.**

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Back to 2 Peter....

2 Peter 3;8-18 AMPC

8 Nevertheless, do not let this one fact escape you, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises, according to some people's conception of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will vanish (pass away) with a thunderous crash, and the *[[a]material]* elements *[of the universe]* will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up.

11 Since all these things are thus [b]in the process of being dissolved, what kind of person ought [each of] you to be [in the meanwhile] in consecrated and holy behavior and devout and godly qualities,

12 While you wait and earnestly long for (expect and hasten) the coming of the day of God by reason of which the flaming heavens will be dissolved, and the *[[c]material]* elements *[of the universe]* will flare and melt with fire?

13 But we look for new heavens and a new earth according to His promise, in which righteousness (uprightness, freedom from sin, and right standing with God) is to abide.

14 So, beloved, since you are expecting these things, be eager to be found by Him [at His coming] without spot or blemish and at peace [in serene confidence, [d]free from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts].

15 And consider that the long-suffering of our Lord *[[e]His slowness in avenging wrongs and judging the world]* is salvation (*[[f]that which is conducive to the soul's safety]*), even as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the spiritual insight given him,

16 Speaking of this as he does in all of his letters. There are some things in those [epistles of Paul] that are difficult to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist and misconstrue to their own [g]utter destruction, just as [they distort and misinterpret] the rest of the Scriptures.

17 Let me warn you therefore, beloved, that knowing these things beforehand, you should be on your guard, lest you be carried away by the error of lawless and wicked [persons and] fall from your own [present] firm condition [your own steadfastness of mind].

18 But grow in grace (undeserved favor, spiritual strength) and [h]recognition and knowledge and understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him [be] glory (honor, majesty, and splendor) both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (so be it)!

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Jeremiah 23:9-22 AMPC

9 Concerning the prophets: My heart [says Jeremiah] is broken within me, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, a man whom wine has overcome, because of the Lord and because of His holy words [which He has pronounced against unfaithful leaders].

10 For the land is full of adulterers (forsakers of God, Israel's true Husband). Because of the curse [of God upon it] the land mourns, the pastures of the wilderness are dried up. They [both false prophets and people] rush into wickedness; and their course is evil, their might is not right.

11 For both [false] prophet and priest are ungodly and profane; even in My house have I found their wickedness, says the Lord.

12 Therefore their way will be to them like slippery paths in the dark; they will be driven on and fall into them. For I will bring evil upon them in the year of their punishment, says the Lord.

13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria: they prophesied by Baal and caused My people Israel to err and go astray.

14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem a horrible thing: they commit adultery and walk in lies; they encourage and strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that none returns from his wickedness. They have all of them become to Me like Sodom, and her inhabitants like Gomorrah.

15 Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts concerning the prophets: Behold, I will feed them with [the bitterness of] wormwood and make them drink the [poisonous] water of gall, for from the [false] prophets of Jerusalem profaneness and ungodliness have gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus says the Lord of hosts: Do not listen to the words of the [false] prophets who prophesy to you. They teach you vanity (emptiness, falsity, and futility) and fill you with vain hopes; they speak a vision of their own minds and not from the mouth of the Lord.

17 They are continually saying to those who despise Me and the word of the Lord, The Lord has said: You shall have peace; and they say to everyone who walks after the stubbornness of his own mind and heart, No evil shall come upon you.

18 For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord, that he should perceive and hear His word? **Who has marked His word [noticing and observing and giving attention to it] and has [actually] heard it?** 19 Behold, the tempest of the Lord has gone forth in wrath, a whirling tempest; it shall whirl and burst upon the heads of the wicked.

20 The anger of the Lord shall not turn back until He has executed and accomplished the thoughts and intents of His mind and heart. **In the latter days you shall consider and understand it perfectly.**

21 I did not send these [false] prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.

22 But if they had stood in My council, then they would have caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them [My people] from their evil way and from the evil of their doings.

In part 7 - Abraham and Sarah's decision (they deceived themselves) by thinking they could get God's Blessing or His outcome not doing it God's Way. As a result of doing/thinking there's another way - Ishmael.

Today's watchmen, mouthpieces of God, pastors, preacher and teachers, unfortunately are fulfilling what Peter, Jude and Jeremiah said would happen in the Latter Days. They are twisting the truth, they are deceiving people and causing people to be in iniquity (unrepentant sin). These spiritual leaders are creating an Ishmael gospel, saying that sin is no longer sin, hyper grace, and it doesn't matter how you live as long as you raised you hand 20 years ago... you still get God's Blessing of eternal life or His Outcome but not living God's Way or His righteousness... that is a lie and will lead many people to Hell.

Remember, God's Word said that those who keep the covenant that Abraham kept would be blessed. The Jewish people were deceived into thinking since they were from the natural birth line of Abraham that conduct or the covenant did not matter...their spiritual leaders deceived them just as the pastors, preachers and teacher are deceiving the church today.

Jesus also said that many pastors would be creating an Ishmael...

Matthew 24:11-12 AMPC

11 And many false prophets will rise up and deceive and lead many into error.

12 And the love of [a]the great body of people will grow cold because of the multiplied lawlessness and iniquity,

Many in the church who know the truth about the "things" to come are laughing in disbelief, mocking and scoffing as Peter said they would. The Bible said it would take place but many don't want to believe it's now, because it means judgment.

We read about the Priest Zachariah, John the Baptist's father was in disbelief even though he knew the Word....

Luke 1:12-20 AMPC

12 And when Zachariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear took possession of him.

13 *But the angel said to him, Do not be afraid, Zachariah, because your petition [k]was heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you must call his name John [God is favorable].*

14 **And you shall have joy and exultant delight, and many will rejoice over his birth,**

15 *For he will be great and distinguished in the sight of the Lord. And he must drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit even [l]in and from his mother's womb.*

16 **And he will turn back and cause to return many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God,**

17 *And he will [himself] go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn back the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient and incredulous and unpersuadable to the wisdom of the upright [which is [m]the knowledge and holy love of the will of God]— in order to make ready for the Lord a people [perfectly] prepared [in spirit, [n]adjusted and disposed and placed in the right moral state].*

18 *And Zachariah said to the angel, By what shall I know and be sure of this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.*

19 **And the angel replied to him, I am Gabriel. I stand in the [very] presence of God, and I have been sent to talk to you and to bring you this good news.**

20 **Now behold, you will be and [o]will continue to be silent and not able to speak till the day when these things take place, because you have not believed what I told you; but my words are [p]of a kind which will be fulfilled in the appointed and proper time.**

Jesus said, I have told you these things (God's Word has foretold you and I what would happen) so that you would have peace. Jesus told us all throughout the gospels that he was foretelling these things so we wouldn't be in disbelief, nauseous, confused, fearful...

Luke 21:34-36 AMPC

34 *But take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be **overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness and headache and nausea** of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and (next page)*

worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the [c]business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose;
35 *For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.*
36 *Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the **full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place,** and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.*

Jesus also said it would be “as in the days of Noah and Lot” when He returns. He said pastors would say God’s Word changed, sin is no longer sin, you can now chose how to get to heaven since anyone can redefine sin and scoff at the signs of His return.

As we go thru Genesis line by line, we are now going to look at what happened in the days of Lot. From the judgement on Sodom when the religious leaders said it was not longer a sin for men to be with men and women to be with women (Jeremiah said in the Latter days false prophets would no longer call sin, sin).

Let’s pick the story back up in Genesis 18 from part 7...

Genesis 18:15-27 AMPC

15 Then Sarah denied it, saying, I did not laugh; for she was afraid. And He said, No, but you did laugh.

16 The men rose up from there and faced toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

17 And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham [My friend and servant] what I am going to do,

18 Since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed through him and shall bless themselves by him?

19 For I have known (chosen, acknowledged) him [as My own], so that he may teach and command his children and the sons of his house after him to keep the way of the Lord and to do what is just and righteous, so that the Lord may bring Abraham what He has promised him.

20 And the Lord said, Because the shriek [of the sins] of Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is exceedingly grievous,

21 I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether [as vilely and wickedly] as is the cry of it which has come to Me; and if not, I will know.

22 Now the [two] men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord.

23 And Abraham came close and said, Will You destroy the righteous (those upright and in right standing with God) together with the wicked?

24 Suppose there are in the city fifty righteous; will You destroy the place and not spare it for [the sake of] the fifty righteous in it?

25 Far be it from You to do such a thing—to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as do the wicked! Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth execute judgment and do righteously?

26 And the Lord said, If I find in the city of Sodom fifty righteous (upright and in right standing with God), I will spare the whole place for their sake.

27 Abraham answered, Behold now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken upon myself to speak to the Lord.

28 If five of the fifty righteous should be lacking—will You destroy the whole city for lack of five? He said, If I find forty-five, I will not destroy it. 29 And [Abraham] spoke to Him yet again, and said, Suppose [only] forty shall be found there. And He said, I will not do it for forty's sake.

30 Then [Abraham] said to Him, Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak [again]. Suppose [only] thirty shall be found there. And He answered, I will not do it if I find thirty there.

31 And [Abraham] said, Behold now, I have taken upon myself to speak [again] to the Lord. Suppose [only] twenty shall be found there. And [the Lord] replied, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

32 And he said, Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again only this once. Suppose ten [righteous people] shall be found there. And [the Lord] said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

33 And the Lord went His way when He had finished speaking with Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Genesis 19 AMPC

1 It was evening when the two angels came to Sodom. Lot was sitting at Sodom's [city] gate. Seeing them, Lot rose up to meet them and bowed to the ground.

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2 And **he said, My lords, turn aside, I beg of you,** into your servant's house and spend the night and bathe your feet. Then you can arise early and go on your way. But they said, No, we will spend the night in the square.

3 [Lot] entreated and urged them greatly until they yielded and [with him] entered his house. And he made them a dinner [with drinking] and had unleavened bread which he baked, and they ate.

4 But before they lay down, the men of the city of Sodom, both young and old, all the men from every quarter, surrounded the house.

5 And they called to Lot and said, Where are the men who came to you tonight? **Bring them out to us, that we may know (be intimate with) them.**

6 And Lot went out of the door to the men and shut the door after him

7 And said, **I beg of you, my brothers, do not behave so wickedly.**

8 Look now, **I have two daughters who are virgins; let me, I beg of you, bring them out to you, and you can do as you please with them.** But only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof.

9 But they said, Stand back! And they said, **This fellow came in to live here temporarily, and now he presumes to be [our] judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.** So they rushed at and pressed violently against Lot and came close to breaking down the door.

10 But the men [the angels] reached out and pulled Lot into the house to them and shut the door after him.

11 And they struck the men who were at the door of the house with blindness [which dazzled them], from the youths to the old men, so that they wearied themselves [groping] to find the door.

12 And the [two] men asked Lot, Have you any others here—sons-in-law or your sons or your daughters? Whomever you have in the city, bring them out of this place,

13 For we will spoil and destroy [Sodom]; for the outcry and shriek against its people has grown great before the Lord, and He has sent us to destroy it. (Genesis 18:20)

14 And **Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law,** who were to marry his daughters, and said, Up, get out of this place, for the Lord will spoil and destroy this city! **But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be [only] joking.**

Note: Lot forewarned them of the judgment that was coming and what they must do to escape. But, they didn't believe him - scoffing or mocking as Peter said people would in the church at the Time of the End. Lot witnessed to them, told them how to be saved, led by example to get his family out of there. He was not silent about how to be saved.

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15 When morning came, **the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, Arise, take your wife and two daughters who are here [and be off], lest you [too] be consumed and swept away in the iniquity and punishment of the city.**

16 **But while he lingered, the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, for the Lord was merciful to him; and they brought him forth and set him outside the city and left him there.**

17 *And when they had brought them forth, they said, Escape for your life! Do not look behind you or stop anywhere in [a]the whole valley; escape to the mountains [of Moab], lest you be consumed.*

18 *And Lot said to them, Oh, not that, my lords!*

19 *Behold now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your kindness and mercy to me in saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest the evil overtake me, and I die.*

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20 *See now yonder city; it is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Oh, let me escape to it! Is it not a little one? And my life will be saved!*

21 *And [the angel] said to him, See, I have yielded to your entreaty concerning this thing also; I will not destroy this city of which you have spoken.*

22 *Make haste and take refuge there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar [little].*

23 *The sun had risen over the earth when Lot entered Zoar.*

24 *Then the Lord rained on Sodom and on Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of the heavens.*

25 *He overthrew, destroyed, and ended those cities, and all the valley and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.*

26 *But [Lot's] wife looked back from behind him, and she [b]became a pillar of salt.*

27 *Abraham went up early the next morning to the place where he [only the day before] had stood before the Lord.*

28 *And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the valley, and saw, and behold, the smoke of [c]the country went up like the smoke of a furnace.*

Luke 17:26-37 AMPC

26 And [just] as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the time of the Son of Man.

27 [People] ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, right up to the day when Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 So also [it was the same] as it was in the days of Lot. [People] ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

29 But on the [very] day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed [them] all.

30 That is the way it will be on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

31 On that day let him who is on the housetop, with his belongings in the house, not come down [and go inside] to carry them away; and likewise let him who is in the field not turn back.

32 Remember Lot's wife!

33 Whoever tries to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve and [a]quicken it.

34 I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left.

35 There will be two women grinding together; one will be taken and the other will be left.

36 [b]Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left.

37 Then they asked Him, Where, Lord? He said to them, Wherever the dead body is, there will the vultures or eagles be gathered together.



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