



**God is faithful to love...AND faithful to warn!** God sent the Old Testament prophets—**SAGES**, spiritually-wise men—who were faithful to Him and to the people, though the people usually turned a deaf ear or openly rebelled. Jeremiah was one such prophet, who warned of Jerusalem's approaching doom, yet the people refused to believe and obey. This is history. In Jeremiah 42, the people are seen coming and asking him to seek God's guidance for them...but they were lying, and had no intention of obeying! They afterward said that he spoke falsely, and that God did not tell him such and such. Oh, how people can lie to themselves and to God.

In Jeremiah 43,44, he informs the people of God's *further* punishment for their *continued* rebellion...even after their city was destroyed, citizens enslaved or massacred and the poor left-overs to enjoy the burned ruins. *In the first place*, they were so blind that they couldn't see that their own idolatry brought the destruction of their city. *Secondly*, in 44: 15 (like the "proud men" in 42:2), the people bluntly, sharply and unashamedly replied to Jeremiah that they simply refused to obey the word from God, but would rather do what they wanted to do...after all, they said that when they burned incense to the queen of heaven, everything was much better!! According to them, active idolatry smooths out life! What should this tell us about the blinding effect of sin?

**Believe it or not, this all has to do with us today, and even has connection to the "Easter season."** The Gospel makes reference to an Old Testament prophet's "spot-on" prophecy of Christ's

betrayal by Judas. Judas simply serves as a graphic, up-dated reminder of the same human rebellion seen throughout the O.T., but Judas' Company has been gaining in fashion for many generations.

In Acts 1:15-20, Peter also refers to Judas' betrayal and death, and sites the O.T. prophecy. He says that Judas purchased a field with the wages of his treacherous evil-doing. Matt.27:3-10 tells what the field refers to. But the **WAGES!!** He got paid for it in money (and tried to get rid of it), but the money wasn't the full payment. Of course, his religious bosses didn't want his blood-money so they "gave it to charity!" Sound familiar?

In Romans 6:23, St. Paul informs us that "*the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" The word "death" here, does not merely mean *physical* death anymore than when God said it to Adam. It includes *spiritual* and finally *eternal* death—a subject well-described in the Bible, not least by Jesus! This Judas-like death is something we purchase with wages we ourselves earn! Does that sink into our heads? Think of working at the job of going to Hell. But notice— St. Paul says that a free gift is available to everyone, as well. Which is the better option? Tell me.

The larger article starting on the front page admits **the limited knowledge about God which people in ancient times had**, but St. Paul clearly informs us that we do not have the same excuse, saying in Acts 17:30,31 "*Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man [Jesus] whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.*" **We see from the Old Testament prophets and the New Testament writers that the issues surrounding the Cross and Resurrection are most relevant in 2007!**

**PERFECT TIMING ! Psalm 2 asks why the nations rage against God and against His Christ. A Conspiracy? Yep! This is Jesus of the Bible we must go! (they say). After Brown's Da Vinci Code and others, like the so-called Judas Gospel...NOW (just in time for Easter 2007) they say they've found the caskets of Jesus, His wife, son, etc. This is AGAIN attacks the Bible, the Cross, and the Resurrection (compare Ps.27, Acts 13:33 & Hebrews 1:5 ; 5:5).**

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**"Lift up a standard for the people." Isaiah 62:10**

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**Gods Faithfulness to Sodom AND TO US!**  
*(Read it in the Bible for yourself!)*  
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The destruction of the well-known city of Sodom is recorded in Genesis 19, but the preceding chapters shine indispensable light on the subject for us. **Think carefully about and apply each paragraph's lessons.**

**Genesis 13** tells of Uncle Abraham and nephew Lot deciding to separate because of the strife between their herdsmen. Abraham is seen returning to his previous altar to the true God, and mention is made that he "*called on the name of the Lord.*" No such reference is made to Lot. If we are going to mind God and be truly spiritual, it will bring our separation from sin and the world. Jesus said that we "*cannot serve two masters*" (Matthew 6:24).

As a result, Abraham graciously gave Lot first choice of where to go, saying that he would then go in the opposite direction in order to keep peace. Many others should do likewise if they desire to truly and fully follow our holy God, and have true peace with **HIM!** Though Lot was given first choice by his godly uncle, yet God gave the whole land to Abraham, anyway! Don't worry about possessions, even if it seems you are not getting a share like Abraham. Jesus tells us

that God knows our needs, and therefore, we must seek first God's kingdom AND righteousness, and that God will care for the rest (Matthew 6:24-34).

**Lot's choice** appears to have been made from outward appearances alone, for the land toward Sodom looked very, very good. The description of the land states that it was "*like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt.*"

Remember, this is talking about Sodom! Temptations and sins often look like a **Garden of Eden**, but don't forget the serpent! As to the reference to Egypt, Egypt was later repeatedly used in the Bible as a reminder of the life of sin and slavery. Sodom— enchanting, but enslaving. **This "beautiful" two-sided picture of Sodom is sufficient warning.** Lot should have had an altar just like Uncle Abraham.

In **Genesis 14** we have a battle during which Sodom and Gomorrah are captured, and with them Lot and his family and possessions. Abraham hears of the matter and swiftly brings about a defeat of the opposing kings and a deliverance of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham declined any reward from these evil people, so they could not truly claim that they had made Abraham rich.

**Then a Mystery Man comes on the scene from out of nowhere.** His name was Melchisedek, who is described as "*king of Salem*" and "*priest of God Most High.*" He is mentioned again in Psalm 110:4 (quoted in Hebrews 5:6), but fuller reference is made to

*(continued inside)*

**PLEASE GIVE YOURSELF SPECIAL TIME TO READ THIS LITTLE PAPER THROUG CAREFULLY**  
*This paper is small, yet we believe it will give you much blessing and advantage. WHOEVER you are! Then, please share any blessing and truth with others, too! What is done must be done now.*

## Gods Faithfulness to Sodom

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him in Heb. 7:1-10. These, together with other Bible verses, suggest that the scene in **Genesis 14** is one of the Old Testament appearances of the pre-existent Christ. The brief 33 years of the Lord on earth was not His only existence. He lived *before* (not reincarnations!), and the message of “**Easter**” teaches us that His death on **the Cross** was not His *ending*! Furthermore, Melchisedek, came out with “**bread and wine**,” as is used on Good Friday. The Bible calls Abraham “*a friend of God*,” and here we see the Lord giving His friend a preview of **The Last Supper**! What communion of friends! No wonder Jesus said that Abraham rejoiced to see His day, AND SAW IT!—though Jesus’ religious enemies got angry, rejected that He had seen Abraham, and tried to stone Him for claiming to be God (Read it in John 8:56-59).

In the first verse of **Genesis 15**, God now assures Abraham, who had now just declined the rewards of evil men, that He Himself is Abraham’s “*shield and exceeding great reward*.” That is **Protection and Provision**. He would learn **Provision** very well in chapter 22; something we ALL need to learn.

In **Genesis 18**, three angels (“*men*”) come to Abraham, through whom he learns of the soon-coming destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. After these visitors leave, Abraham begins agonising prayer for Sodom’s inhabitants; including his nephew. In **Genesis 19**, we have the interaction of the angels with Lot and the men of Sodom, and finally the obliteration of the whole area in and around Sodom, and the deliverance of Lot and only some of his family.

Perhaps the **2nd shortest verse in the Bible** is where Jesus says “*Remember Lot’s wife*” (Luke 17:32). She looked back (against the direct orders of the angels), and perished right then and there—a sober lesson for us all to stop holding on to the things of this world, rather than listening to God. And as for Lot’s two daughters, they remind me of those **people in Thailand, who shortly after the 2004 tsunami**, were drinking, dancing, and involved in immorality, and ended up overloading a boat, sinking it and drowning. Couldn’t they learn from the horrific tsunami? Couldn’t Lot’s daughters think more seriously after such judgement as fell on Sodom?

So, from the preceding paragraphs, let’s examine God’s faithfulness to the people of **Sodom and Gomorrah**. God gave Abraham battle-victory, thereby setting the people of Sodom and Gomorrah free. Abraham risked *his life* to deliver them, but later, agonised in *his soul* in prayer to God to spare them. God did not find even **TEN** righteous people there, otherwise, as He promised Abraham, He would not have destroyed it. It seems they had no attraction to Abraham’s godliness nor were they grateful to the true God for their deliverance from captivity. Remember, all these people were there when mysterious Melchisedek came, but they apparently derived no spiritual benefit from this unique visit from God. Another mercy from God was the presence in Sodom of Lot himself. From what 2 Peter 2 says, I would believe that Lot not only hated the sin of Sodom, but would likely have been a spiritual light of the ways of the true God. **Not stopping from His mercy**, God sent angels among the people of Sodom, but rather than repenting, they tried to “sodomize” *the angels* and Lot, as well. At that point, they crossed the line of mercy.

**This is extremely relevant for us**, because Jesus said that before His return, the world would become “*as it was in the days of Lot*,” referring to Sodom. Jesus said that God’s mercy will be shown to Sodom and Gomorrah even at the Judgment, compared to people like us, who have had so much availability of God’s truth, etc. (see Matt.10:15,16 & 11:23,24). Abraham had said that “*The Judge of all the earth shall do right*” (Gen. 18:25). Though Sodom had no Bible, yet not everyone in Sodom were “sodomites.” Look what Jesus said in Luke 17:28-33, “*they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built, but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire from heaven and destroyed them all*.” Legitimate things in life are not evidence of innocence, if done by people who refuse to listen to God, and obey and intimately know Him. Many who even profess to be evangelicals are as tied to the world as Lot’s wife, and are facing the same end.

2 Peter 2:4-9 says God did not spare the angels which followed Lucifer, nor the world in Noah’s day nor did He spare Sodom and Gomorrah. It says that God knows how to deliver the righteous and reserve the wicked for punishment. God was faithful to Sodom, just as He has been to London.

Mayor Ken wants London to be “the

world’s greenest city,” though numerous news articles label London and Britain “Europe’s “*Worst*” for...(quite a list!). The Mayor had pledged to make “Gay Pride” the tourist event of the year (2006). I am afraid that the ancient Twin-Tower cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were likewise full of Pride, but it was this kind of Pride which Proverbs 16:18 says “*goes before destruction*.” (in this case, literally!). Of 2006’s “Pride” event, it is stated “600,000 people cannot be wrong!” I would beg to differ. Admittedly, it is too late to take a census of Sodom and the surrounding cities.

Proverbs 16:17 says “*the highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keeps his way preserves his soul*.” **It is in this connection that we see the difference between the way of Abraham and the way of Lot**. “The Faith Chapter” (Heb.11) says that by faith Abraham obeyed God, not knowing exactly where he was going, but was looking and waiting for a city that had foundations Whose builder and maker is God (v.8-16). Lot chose the city of Sodom. We are citizens of one of these two representative cities; the one Abraham chose, or the one Lot chose. Of which city are you a citizen? Where we were born or raised, etc. and our national passports will all be irrelevant at the Judgment.

Read Luke 17 again (opposite page), and apply it to London. As I said, I do not believe that everyone in Sodom and Gomorrah were so-called “gays.” We must have personal union *with God ON HIS TERMS*, then shine to the lost all around us. Mention of Melchizedek in this article is not unnecessary. Heb.7:2 says His name is **FIRST** translated “*king of righteousness*” then also “*king of peace*.” Any individual or city that seeks peace with God must be ready to walk God’s way of righteous. Psalm 23 says God “*leads us in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake*.” This is the way we come to God **ON HIS TERMS**, as He requires.

**Second Peter 3:9 tells us**  
“**God is longsuffering toward us, not willing that ANY should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance.**”  
**The choice IS ours...is YOURS.**

**TRAGIC “CHRISTIANITY”**— For far too long, professing Christians have been led astray, and then confuse others by supposed visions, dreams, appearances, guidance, etc. all allegedly coming from God. Satan is busy as “an angel of light” (2Cor. 11:14). Mad parties with and nakedness precede the serious “Lent” period! On and on it goes. In Revelation 2 and 3 Jesus said Repent and Return or else! Church & Britain, awake!

## Monuments, Messiahs, Mumbo-Jumbo

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Our Feb. issue noted a book, written 100 years ago (1907) to commemorate the Centenary of the abolition of slavery. Sadly, slavery has NOT ended. We speak of brutalities of the near and distant past, yet permit—even promote various forms of the same today. Human trafficking and such like is but one scourge, and drugs are another among others. Articles are written of German citizens who were complicit in the Holocaust by their silence. How can we speak, for example, of “tougher laws,” etc. while vile criminals are let free to murder, rape, etc. Jesus spoke of those who build the monuments of the prophets, but their fathers stoned them. They said “*If we had been there, we would not have done this*.” Jesus disagreed. The same is happening today. Enormous Government money is raised often by other means which unduly burden the citizens simply because it throws it into ridiculous projects, etc. like a bag full of holes. Are the Shettys (and much of “Bollywood”) really connected with Mafia, and yet Shilpa was not only *allowed* in Britain, but *paraded*? and Potter-Porn is praised! Cartoons about Hell appear more frequently in the papers. God sees this and so much more. And as to Messiahs, Jesus said false ones would be coming. New Guinea now has a Black Jesus, who is raping virgins, slitting their throats, drinking their blood and eating some of their flesh (joined by some of the parents!). Will you follow a “Christ” who can literally call fire down from heaven right in front of your eyes, with no trick lighting or mirrors, etc? The Bible says he *IS* coming. Just what are we doing, and just who are we following? “*I’m not an extremist! I’m mediocre and balanced and normal*,” you say. Really?