

A cosmic background featuring a view of Earth from space, showing the horizon and clouds. The Moon is visible in the upper center. The sky is filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy, with a color gradient from deep blue to purple and red.

THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

LOT—A FRIEND OF THE WORLD

GENESIS 19

First, two different **locations**, two different **outlooks**.

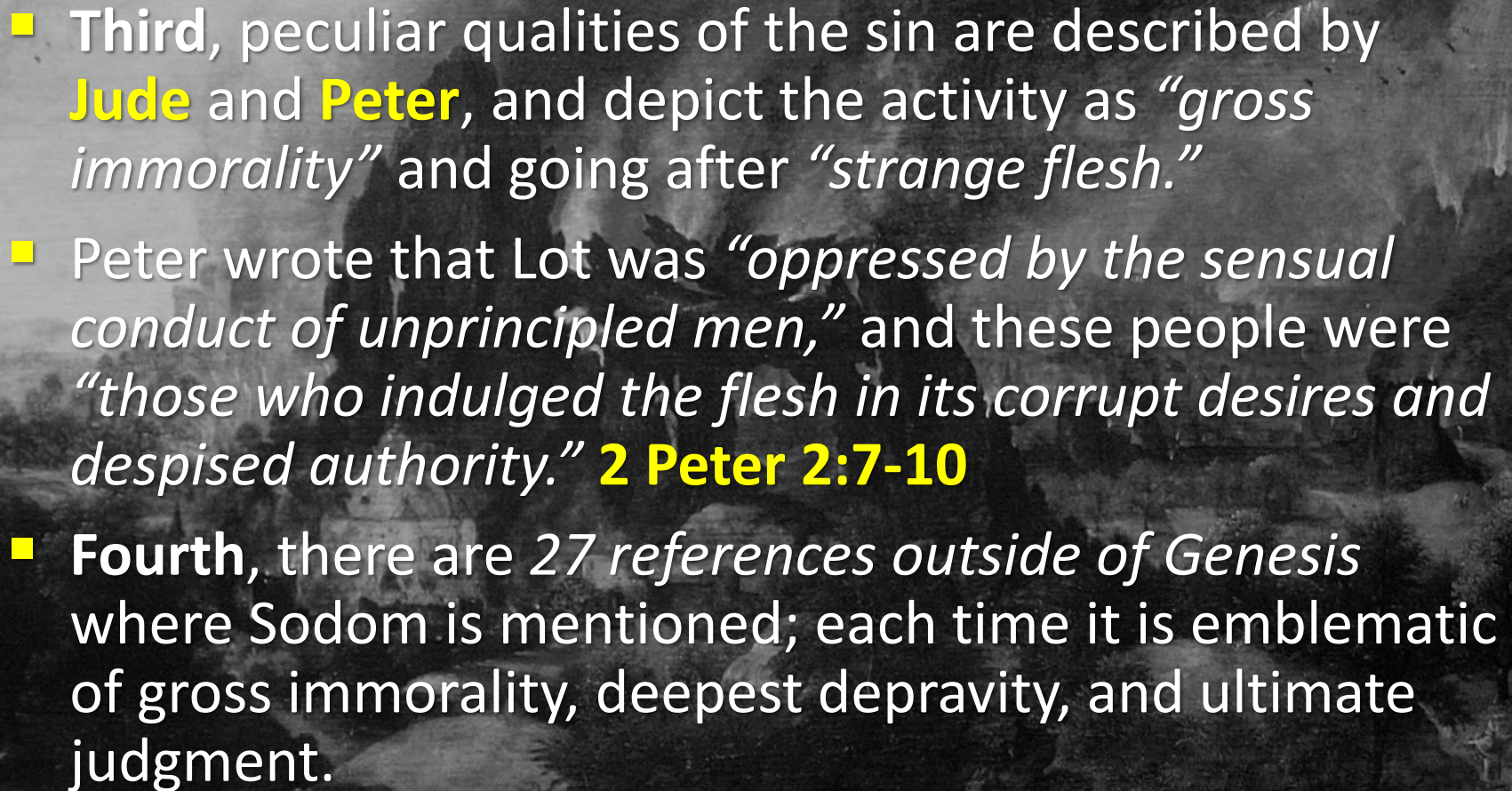
- When the heavenly contingent came to visit Abraham, he was at his tent door near his altar.
- Lot was sitting in the gate of a wicked city dwelling in sin.
- Abraham was “walking in the light” while Lot was “walking in darkness.” **1 John 1:5-10**
- Only the two angels visited Lot. **Isa. 59:1-2; 2 Cor. 6:14-18**

WHAT WAS THE SIN OF SODOM?

Was it inhospitality as liberal theologians postulate?

- First, Sodom and Gomorrah were judged because of grave sin. **Genesis 18:20** says, “. . . *their sin is exceedingly grave.*” Indeed, not even ten righteous people could be found in the city.
- **Second**, it seems the judgment of these cities was to serve as a lesson to Abraham and to others that unrestrained wickedness would be punished.

2 Peter 2:6

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- **Third**, peculiar qualities of the sin are described by **Jude** and **Peter**, and depict the activity as “*gross immorality*” and going after “*strange flesh.*”
 - Peter wrote that Lot was “*oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men,*” and these people were “*those who indulged the flesh in its corrupt desires and despised authority.*” **2 Peter 2:7-10**
 - **Fourth**, there are *27 references outside of Genesis* where Sodom is mentioned; each time it is emblematic of gross immorality, deepest depravity, and ultimate judgment.

IT WAS MEN ATTEMPTING TO RAPE MEN

- The sin of Sodom brought the most extensive judgment in the Bible outside of *Noah's flood and the book of Revelation*.
- *"Where are the men . . . bring them out to us so we can have sex with them!" v. 5 (NLT)*
- All homosexual sex is sin; God condemns it 100% of the time it is spoken of in Scripture. **Judges 19:20-30**
- A burning commentary on homosexuality is given by the apostle Paul in **Romans 1:21-27**.

WHAT DO WE SEE?

- Two totally different messages **Gen. 19:12-13**
- We must choose between being an influence or being influenced. **Gen. 19:14**
- The world's declining godly attitudes **Gen. 19:15-26**
- The horrible consequences of a life of compromise **Gen. 19:27-38**

The good news is Jesus is the friend of all sinners . . . even Sodomites!



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