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**“A TEACHERS & STUDENTS GUIDE”  
TO:**

**A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE  
OF  
“HOMOSEXUALITY”  
AND IT’S EFFECT ON THE CHURCH**

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**THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF  
"HOMOSEXUALITY"**

**FIRST OF ALL  
A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH  
COLOSSIANS 1:9-24**

9 For this cause we also, *since the day we heard [it], do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;*

10 *That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;*

11 *Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness;*

12 *Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:*

13 *Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, And hath translated [us] into the kingdom of his dear Son:*

14 *In whom we have redemption through his blood, [even] the forgiveness of sins:*

15 **Who is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature:

16 **For by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether

[they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

**17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.**

**18 And he is the head of the body**, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all [things] he might have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased [the Father] that **in him should all fullness dwell;**

20 And, **having made peace through the blood of his cross**, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, [I say], whether [they be] things in earth, or things in heaven.

*21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in [your] mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled*

*22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:*

23 **If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and [be] not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, [and] which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;**

24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

*25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God;*

**ROMANS 1:16 - 32 KING JAMES  
NEW TESTAMENT**

**16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.**

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

**18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all *ungodliness* and *unrighteousness* of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**

**19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed [it] unto them.**

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] **his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**

**21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified [him] not as God, *neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.***

**22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,**

23 And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

**24. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves:**

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There is a sense in which God is becoming, at least in the minds of some, so tolerant of sin, that nothing man does concerns Him.

It's almost as if the Grace of God is applied to those living in sin, as much as those that have been set free from living in sin.

Somehow, there has to be more emphasis put on the "holiness of God" without making a mockery out of the Blood sacrifice of Jesus.

The WORD is clear. "He that hath the son, hath everylasting life, he that hath not the son, shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him".

This would certainly give the impression that there is a significant difference between those that have repented, confessed their sinful state, and have had their sins taken away by the blood of Jesus. Anything less than that does an injustice to the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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#### **24. LIVING BIBLE TRANSLATION OF VRS. 24 MODERN ENGLISH**

***SO GOD LET THEM GO AHEAD INTO EVERY SORT OF SEX SIN, AND DO WHATEVER THEY WANTED TO-- YES, VILE AND SINFUL THINGS WITH EACH OTHER'S BODIES.***

***25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie,***  
and worshipped and served the creature more than the  
Creator,  
who is blessed for ever. Amen.

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**How would one not understand the WORD in vrs. 24?**  
It needs no explanation, yet there are those who would make every effort to justify the lust of the flesh by making the WORD mean something entirely different than was intended, thus, at least for now, diverting the Judgement of God **through our own deceit.**

The Modern English translation, among others, makes clear the intention of Paul in writing this epistle, that the truth has been made plain, and that those that had heard the truth, did not misunderstand it, they just didn't obey it, and not only that, but went far beyond disobedience to a form of idolatry & blasphamy.

Man is the only form of God's creation that would dare to disobey him. All of the rest of his creation follow every command to the letter, but not man. We have always been a rebellious people, wanting our own way, and if necessary, killing to get it.

There are many who would substitute sacrifice for obedience, but remember what Samuels words were to Saul. "Obedience is better than sacrifice, and harkening than the fat of rams".

This *lifestyle* of offense to God, is for the most part a learned and practiced way of life. Those that avail themselves of such a *lifestyle* must understand the consequences. This is not just a simple failure on the part of man, but a deliberate act of *disobedience* to the *known and revealed will of God*, which is what sinning is all about.

## 25. LIVING BIBLE TRANSLATION IN MODERN ENGLISH

**INSTEAD OF BELIEVING WHAT THEY KNEW WAS THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD, THEY DELIBERATELY CHOSE TO BELIEVE LIES. SO THEY PRAYED TO THE THINGS GOD MADE, BUT WOULDN'T OBEY THE BLESSED GOD WHO MADE THESE THINGS.**

There are those that have made it a point to violate every commandment God has given. They feel that nothing has been done to anyone else for a vilolation of God's Laws, so they will also get away with whatever they want to do.

There are scriptures that make very plain, the law of sowing and reaping.

*Galatians tells us, be not deceived, God is not mocked, whatsoever a man soweth than shall he also reap, he that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption, he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting".*

There are however, references to God doing somethings for which man has learned that God will not be mocked.

Ananias and Saphira experienced the penalties for lying to the Holy Spirit. Others have had their own experiences, that, in some cases, also lead to their death.

The sin of lesbianism does not seem to affect the great numbers of "women" who are now openly expressing their desire for this ungodly lifestyle. This is one of the few times mentioned in the Bible that God has given up on a particular class of people. This should lend some credibility to the fact of how Almighty God views this direct violation of His word. It would seem to me that anyone reading these words would understand that something must be terribly wrong with this kind of violation to have our God to make such a statement of finality.

The words "Vile affections", certainly portray a different approach to Love than what God had intended.

In my humble opinion, to be "given up by God", leaves absolutely no other recourse to those committing these types of sin, but death and destruction with no hope for forgiveness if no change is made through repentance before death.

***26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:***

Homosexuality is the name given to the sexual attraction to the same sex by men.

Even the dictionary referred to at the close of this "Booklet", referred to this act as unnatural. The Bible reaffirms this when in this next verse, he talks about turning from the "natural use of the woman".

There are scriptures in the Bible that refer to **UNCLEAN SPIRITS**. It is my feeling that this is where this originates, and if that spirit is not dealt with, eventually takes of the whole body.

*27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. KING JAMES VERSION*

27. (LIVING BIBLE TRANSLATION, MODERN ENGLISH))

**AND THE MEN, INSTEAD OF HAVING A NORMAL SEX RELATIONSHIP WITH WOMEN, BURNED WITH LUST FOR EACH OTHER, MEN DOING SHAMEFUL THINGS WITH OTHER MEN AND, AS A RESULT, GETTING PAID WITHIN THEIR OWN SOULS WITH THE PENALTY THEY SO RICHLY DESERVED.**

**COULD THIS BE THE HORRIBLE PENALTY OF AIDS**

28 And even as they *did not like to retain God in [their] knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; KING JAMES VERSION*

**28 LIVING BIBLE TRANSLATION**

**SO IT WAS THAT WHEN THEY GAVE GOD UP AND WOULD NOT EVEN ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, GOD GAVE THEM UP TO DOING EVERYTHING THEIR EVIL MINDS COULD THINK OF.**



*When the next vrs refers to being filled with all unrighteousness, etc. Doesn't that seem to fit with what the scriptures refer to as an **UNCLEAN SPIRIT**. Study the following verses carefully. See if there isn't room to feel that there is a spirit of uncleanness that can enter a person's body, it can be cast out, but the need is still there to fill that emptiness with the Spirit of the Lord. If not, the **UNCLEAN SPIRIT** can take with him 7 more spirits as powerful, or more powerful than himself. This to me is what has happened to many who, even after professing Christianity, have made their choice, or the choice of the **UNCLEAN SPIRIT** than has now taken over the desires of their body and their mind.*

Matthew 10:1

1 And when he had called unto [him] his twelve disciples, he gave them power [against] **UNCLEAN SPIRITS**, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Matthew 12:43

43 When the **UNCLEAN SPIRIT** is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

Mark 1:23

23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an **UNCLEAN SPIRIT**; and he cried out,

Mark 1:26

26 And when the **UNCLEAN SPIRIT** had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

Mark 1:27

27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine [is] this? for with authority commandeth he even the **UNCLEAN SPIRITS**, and they do obey him.

Mark 3:11

11 And **UNCLEAN SPIRITS**, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

Mark 3:30

30 Because they said, He hath an **UNCLEAN SPIRIT**.

Mark 5:2

2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an **UNCLEAN SPIRIT**,

Mark 5:8

8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, [thou] **UNCLEAN SPIRIT**.

Mark 5:13

13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the **UNCLEAN SPIRITS** went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.

Mark 6:7

7 And he called [unto him] the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over **UNCLEAN SPIRITS**;

Mark 7:25

25 For a [certain] woman, whose young daughter had an **UNCLEAN SPIRIT**, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:

Luke 4:33

33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

Luke 4:36

36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word [is] this! for with authority and power he commandeth the **UNCLEAN SPIRITS**, and they come out.

Luke 6:18

18 And they that were vexed with **UNCLEAN SPIRITS**: and they were healed.

Luke 8:29

29 (For he had commanded the **UNCLEAN SPIRIT** to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)

Luke 9:42

42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare [him]. And Jesus rebuked the **UNCLEAN SPIRIT**, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.

Luke 11:24

24 When the **UNCLEAN SPIRIT** is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

Acts 5:16

16 There came also a multitude [out] of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with **UNCLEAN SPIRITS**: and they were healed every one.

Acts 8:7

7 For **UNCLEAN SPIRITS**, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed [with them]: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

Revelation 16:13

13 And I saw three **UNCLEAN SPIRITS** like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Being filled *with all unrighteousness*, to me, is tantamount to having, among other things, an unclean spirit. The rest seems to be the results of total anarchy and disobedience. These are present to a lesser or greater degree in every person not walking in His Spirit, or desirerous of Being filled with the Spirit.

29 Being filled with all **unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,**

Just look at how the Living Bible describes this disobedience.

### ***29 LIVING BIBLE TRANSLATION***

***THEIR LIVES BECAME FULL OF EVERY KIND OF WICKEDNESS AND SIN, OF GREED AND HATE, ENVY, MURDER, FIGHTING, LYING, BITTERNESS, AND GOSSIP.***

Isn't interesting that gossip is

30 Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, *but have pleasure in them that do them.*

**It is one thing to get caught up in sin, but it's another to encourage others to join you. It seems as though you would have to experience the Biblical view of "A Seared Conscience" in order to even maintain some form of sanity.**

**What will be the penalty for not only our own sins, but for all those we have enticed to sin with us?**

**(32. LIVING BIBLE TRANSLATION)**

**THEY WERE FULLY AWARE OF GOD'S DEATH PENALTY FOR THESE CRIMES, YET THEY WENT RIGHT AHEAD AND DID THEM ANYWAY, AND ENCOURAGED OTHERS, TO DO THEM TOO.**

## **I TIMOTHY 1:9,10**

9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, **for unholy and profane**, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

10 For **whoremongers**, for them that defile themselves with **mankind**, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

**9, 10, 11 LIVING BIBLE TRANSLATION MODERN ENGLISH**

9. BUT THEY WERE NOT MADE FOR US, WHOM GOD HAS SAVED: THEY ARE FOR **SINNERS** WHO HATE GOD, **HAVE REBELLIOUS HEARTS**, CURSE AND SWEAR, ATTACK THEIR FATHERS AND MOTHERS, AND MURDER.

10, YES, THESE LAWS ARE MADE TO IDENTIFY AS SINNERS ALL WHO ARE **IMMORAL AND IMPURE: HOMOSEXUALS**, KIDNAPPERS, LIARS, AND ALL OTHERS WHO DO THINGS THAT **CONTRADICT THE GLORIOUS GOOD NEWS** OF OUR BLESSED GOD, **WHOSE MESSENGER I AM.**

**VRS. 19 SAYS**, CLING TIGHTLY TO YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST AND **ALWAYS** KEEP YOUR CONSCIENCE CLEAR, **DOING WHAT YOU KNOW IS RIGHT.** FOR SOME

**PEOPLE HAVE DISOBEYED THEIR CONSCIENCES AND HAVE  
DELIBERATELY DONE WHAT THEY KNEW WAS WRONG.**

**IT ISN'T SURPRISING THAT SOON THEY LOST THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST  
AFTER DEFYING GOD LIKE THAT.**

## **OTHER SCRIPTURES RELATING TO SODOMY**

Genesis 10:19

19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto **SODOM**, and **Gomorrah**, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

Genesis 13:10

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it [was] well watered every where, **before the LORD destroyed SODOM and Gomorrah**, [even] as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

Genesis 13:12

12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and **Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched [his] tent toward SODOM**.

Genesis 13:13

**13 But the men of SODOM [were] wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.**

Genesis 14:2

2 [That these] made war with Bera king of **SODOM**, and with Birsha king of **GOMORRAH**, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar.

Genesis 14:8

8 And there went out the king of **SODOM**, and the king of **GOMORRAH**, and the king of Admah, and the king of

Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same [is] Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim;

Genesis 14:10

10 And the vale of Siddim [was full of] slimepits; and the kings of **SODOM** and **GOMORRAH** fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.

Genesis 14:11

11 And they took all the goods of **SODOM** and **GOMORRAH**, and all their victuals, and went their way.

Genesis 14:12

12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in **SODOM**, and his goods, and departed.

Genesis 14:17

17 And the king of **SODOM** went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that [were] with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which [is] the king's dale.

**Genesis 14:21**

**21 And the king of SODOM said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.**

Genesis 14:22

22 And Abram said to the king of **SODOM**, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,

Genesis 18:16

16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward **SODOM**: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

Genesis 18:20

20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of **SODOM** and **GOMORRAH** is great, **and because their sin is very grievous;**

Genesis 18:22

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward **SODOM**: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

Genesis 18:26

26 And the LORD said, If I find in **SODOM** fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

Genesis 19:1

**1 And there came two angels to SODOM at even; and Lot sat in the gate of SODOM: and Lot seeing [them] rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;**

Genesis 19:4

4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, [even] the men of **SODOM**, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

Genesis 19:24

24 Then the LORD rained upon **SODOM** and upon **GOMORRAH** brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

Genesis 19:28

28 And he looked toward **SODOM** and **GOMORRAH**, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

Deuteronomy 29:23

23 [And that] the whole land thereof [is] brimstone, and salt, [and] burning, [that] it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of **SODOM**, and **GOMORRAH**, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath:

Deuteronomy 32:32

32 For their vine [is] of the vine of **SODOM**, and of the fields of **GOMORRAH**: their grapes [are] grapes of gall, their clusters [are] bitter:

Isaiah 1:9

9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as **SODOM**, [and] we should have been like unto **GOMORRAH**.

Isaiah 1:10

10 Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of **SODOM**; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of **GOMORRAH**.

Isaiah 3:9

9 The show of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as **SODOM**, they hide [it] not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

Isaiah 13:19

19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew **SODOM** and **GOMORRAH**.

Jeremiah 23:14

14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: **they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as SODOM, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.**

Jeremiah 49:18

18 As in the overthrow of **SODOM** and **GOMORRAH** and the neighbour [cities] thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

**Jeremiah 50:40**



**40 As God overthrew SODOM and GOMORRAH and the neighbour [cities] thereof, saith the LORD; [so] shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.**

Lamentations 4:6

6 For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of SODOM, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her.

Ezekiel 16:46

46 And thine elder sister [is] Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, [is] SODOM and her daughters.

Ezekiel 16:48

48 [As] I live, saith the Lord GOD, SODOM thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.

Ezekiel 16:49

49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister SODOM, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

Ezekiel 16:53

53 When I shall bring again their captivity, the captivity of SODOM and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then [will I bring again] the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them:

Ezekiel 16:55

55 When thy sisters, SODOM and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate.

Ezekiel 16:56

56 For thy sister **SODOM** was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy pride,

Amos 4:11

11 I have overthrown [some] of you, as God overthrew **SODOM** and **GOMORRAH**, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

**Zephaniah 2:9**

**9 Therefore [as] I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as SODOM, and the children of Ammon as GOMORRAH, [even] the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them.**

Matthew 10:15

15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of **SODOM** and **GOMORRAH** the day of judgment, than for that city.

Matthew 11:23

23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in **SODOM**, it would have remained until this day.

Matthew 11:24

24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of **SODOM** in the day of judgment, than for thee.

Mark 6:11

11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for

**SODOM** and **GOMORRAH** the day of judgment, than for that city.

Luke 10:12

12 But I say unto you, that it shall be **more tolerable** in that day for **SODOM**, than for that city.

Luke 17:29

29 But the same day that Lot went out of **SODOM** it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed [them] all.

## 2 Peter 2:6 NEW TESTAMENT

6 And turning the cities of **SODOM** and Gomorrha into ashes condemned [them] with an overthrow, making [them] an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

## Jude 1:7 NEW TESTAMENT

7 Even as **SODOM** and **GOMORRAH** and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

### 7. LIVING BIBLE

**AND DON'T FORGET THE CITIES OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH AND THEIR NEIGHBORING TOWNS, ALL FULL OF LUST OF EVERY KIND INCLUDING LUST OF MEN FOR OTHER MEN. THESE CITIES WERE DESTROYED BY FIRE AND CONTINUE TO BE A WARNING TO US THAT *THERE IS A HELL IN WHICH SINNERS ARE PUNISHED.***

Revelation 11:8

8 And their dead bodies [shall lie] in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called **SODOM** and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

## **GENESIS OLD TESTAMENT**

### **Chapter 19**

1 And there came two angels to **SODOM** at even; and Lot sat in the gate of **SODOM**: and Lot seeing [them] rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

4 **But before they lay down, the men of the city, [even] the men of SODOM, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:**

5 **And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where [are] the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.**

6 **And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,**

7 **And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.**

8 **Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man;  
let me, I pray you,  
bring them out unto you,  
and do ye to them as [is] good in your eyes:  
*only unto these men do nothing;*  
for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.**

9 **And they said, Stand back. And they said [again], This one [fellow] came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they**

**pressed sore upon the man, [even] Lot, and came near to break the door.**

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

11 And they smote the men that [were] at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring [them] out of this place:

**13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.**

14 And **Lot went out**, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the **LORD will destroy this city**. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the **LORD being merciful unto him**: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, **Escape for thy life; look not behind thee**, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord:

19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast showed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

20 Behold now, this city [is] near to flee unto, and it [is] a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, ([is] it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

**24 Then the LORD rained upon SODOM and upon GOMORRAH brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;**

25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

**26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.**

27 And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:

**28 And he looked toward SODOM and GOMORRAH, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.**

29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that **God remembered Abraham**, and sent Lot

out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

**Leviticus 18:**

22 Thou **shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind:** it [is] **abomination.**

23 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it [is] confusion.

24 **Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things:** for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you:

25 And **the land is defiled:** therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, **and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.**

26 **Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit [any] of these abominations;** [neither] any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you:

27 **(For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which [were] before you, and the land is defiled;)**

28 That **the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it,** as it spued out the nations that [were] before you.

29 For **whosoever shall commit any of these abominations,** even the souls that commit [them] **shall be cut off from among their people.**

30 **Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that [ye] commit not [any one] of these abominable customs, *which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I [am] the LORD your God.***

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## ***Definition of Terms:***

### ***Homosexuality***

- a. *Sexual desire for others of one's own sex.*
- b. *Sexual activity with another of the same sex.*

### ***Lesbianism***

- a. *Relating to, or characteristic of, a female homosexual.*

### ***Transvestite***

- a. *One who adheres to **the abnormal** desire to dress in the clothing of the opposite sex.*
- b. *The act or state of being so dressed.*

### ***Bi-Sexual***

- a. *A **hermaphrodite**, a person who is sexually attracted to **both** sexes*

### ***Sex Change***

- a. *A person **born male or female**, changing their sexuality from one to the other.*