

LOT'S WIFE

The story of the wife of **Lot** begins in **Genesis 19**, after two angels came to **Sodom** at sunset and were invited to spend the night at Lot's house. The people of Sodom were extremely wicked and incited Lot to offer these men/angels as sacrifices. But instead Lot offered two of his daughters, but they did not accept them. As dawn broke, the angels urged Lot to search for his family and flee, to avoid being caught up in the impending disaster that the city would suffer as punishment. He was given the order: "Run for your life! Do not look behind you or stop anywhere on the plain; flee to the hills, lest they be swept away."^{1:465}As they fled, Lot's wife turned to look back and turned into a pillar of salt.:

---Genesis 12, Abraham called, would be blessed in many ways. Lot, his nephew, and Lot's wife shared his fame and wealth.

--- LOT and his family lived together with Abraham in the land of Canaan. One day Abraham said to Lot, 'There is not enough land here for all our animals. Let's part ways, please. If you go one way, I will go the other.'

--- Lot looked land. He saw a very good part of the country that had water and a lot of good grass for his animals. It was the Jordan District. Therefore, Lot moved his family and animals there. At last they made their home in the city of Sodom.

--- God told them that He was going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah and other cities of the plain and that they must escape for their lives.

--- **Genesis 19:17**, "And when they had led them out, they said, Escape for your life; do not look behind you, nor stop in all this plain; escape into the mountain, lest you perish."

--- **2 Peter 2:6-8**, condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah for destruction, reducing them to ashes and setting them as an example to those who were to live ungodly ..."

--- **Genesis 19:26**, "Then Lot's wife looked back and became a statue of salt."

--- **Luke 17:31, 32** **31**On ^{that day} (refers to the destruction of Jerusalem in the year 70 of the first century; **Luke 21:20**, "When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, know that its destruction has come." Therefore, "whoever is on the roof, and his goods at home, let him not go down to take them; and he who in the field likewise do not turn back." V. 32, "Remember the wife of Lot."

Hebrews 2:1-3, "Therefore it is necessary that we attend more diligently to the things which we have heard, lest we slip.²For if the word spoken through the angels was firm, and every transgression and disobedience received just retribution,³how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? Which, having been first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard,

--- Lot and his daughters obeyed and fled Sodom. They didn't stop for a moment, and they didn't look back. But Lot's wife disobeyed. When they had moved away from Sodom, she stopped and looked back. Then Lot's wife became a pillar of salt. From this we can learn a good lesson: that God saves those who obey Him, but those who look back are lost.

The people of Israel looked back. They left their hearts in Egypt. They wanted to be slaves again.

--- 1 Timothy 4:1-3, "But the Spirit plainly says that in the latter times some will depart from the faith, listening to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons;² for the hypocrisy of liars who, having seared their conscience, ³ will forbid marriage, and will command abstention from food that God created so that believers and those who have known the truth would partake of them with thanksgiving."

--- Hebrews 5:12-14 ¹²For by the time you should be teachers, you need to be taught again what are the first rudiments of God's words; and you have become such that you have need of milk, and not of solid food. ¹³And whoever partakes of the milk is inexperienced in the word of righteousness, because he is a child; ¹⁴But solid food is for those who have reached maturity, for those who by use have their senses exercised in the discernment of good and evil."

- Hebrews 10:25-31 ²⁵ not ceasing to gather together, as some are accustomed, but exhorting us; and all the more so, as you see that day drawing near. ²⁶For if we sin willingly after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a dreadful expectation of judgment, and of boiling fire that will devour our adversaries. ²⁸He who violates the law of Moses by the testimony of two or three witnesses dies irretrievably. ²⁹ How much greater punishment do you think he deserves who tramples on the Son of God, and considers the blood of the covenant in which he was sanctified, and affronts the Spirit of grace, to be unclean?

--- Many of the Jews who obeyed the gospel looked back and turned back. Heb. 6:4-8

--- **Galatians 5:4**, "You who are justified by the law have separated yourselves from Christ; of grace you have fallen." Acts 15

"Demas looked back. 2 Timothy 4:10 "Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world."

-- 2 Peter 2:20-22, "Verily, if they having escaped from the defilements of the world, by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and becoming entangled again in them, they are overcome, their last state becomes worse than the first. ²¹For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they had known it, to turn back from the holy commandment given to them. ²²But the real proverb has happened to them: The dog returns to its vomit, and the washed pig to wallow in the mud.

--- Looking back at what? Vomit. Mud.

--- Repudiation for having looked back. Marriage, one of God's richest blessings trampled on by those who look back.

--- Leaving the church of Christ, ceasing to be the bride of Christ because of looking back.

--- Looking back means turning one's back on the cross of Christ.

--- PHILIPPIANS 2:12, 13, Not that I have already attained it, nor that it is already perfect; but I go on, to see if I can grasp that for which I was also grasped by Christ Jesus. ¹³Brethren, I myself do not claim to have already attained it; but I do one thing: forgetting certainly what is left behind, and reaching out to what is ahead, I proceed towards the goal to obtain the prize of God's supreme calling in Christ Jesus.

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