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Lot's Wife at Sodom's Destruction

Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom. 13But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD. Gen 13:12-13

“Lot was a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)”

2 Peter 2:7-8

His daughters married ungodly men /became part of the pagan culture.

- **God sent two angels to warn Lot of the judgment to come.**
- **Lot told his sons-in-law, but they thought he was joking -Gen 19:14**

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“Lot hesitated” -**Gen 19:16**

- He should have been Decisive, but he was Indecisive.
- He should have been Prompt, but he Lingered.

So the angels grasped his hands and led them out of the city “for the Lord was merciful to them” -**Gen 19:16**

“Flee for your lives! Don’t look back or ...be swept away!” -**Gen 19:17**

“But Lot’s wife looked back / became a pillar of salt” -**Gen 19:26**

Remember Lot's Wife

A woman wearing a white headscarf and a white dress stands with her back to the camera, looking out over a vast landscape. The foreground is filled with tall, green grasses. In the middle ground, there is a body of water, possibly a lake or a wide river, reflecting the light of the setting or rising sun. The background shows a dark, silhouetted horizon line under a sky with soft, warm colors. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

What Are the Lessons We Learn From Her?

**She Was Surrounded By Faith...
...But Had No Faith**



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She was in a family filled with the faith of Abraham, the man of faith (Gen 15:6; Gen 22:1; Rom 4:17; Heb 11:8-12).

- **Needed a Move to a personal faith.**
- **Make up their own minds /believe in Jesus**
- **You decide the life you want to...**
...Live, Believe and Destiny
- **Nobody, not even an angel of God can do it for you.**
- **Angels basically dragged them out of Sodom.**

**She Held On to a World...
...that had No Lasting Value**





She Held On to a World... ...that had No Lasting Value

Her Body was Facing a City that was Destroyed.

This present world is temporary, and we need to remember that

- Jesus said lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven -Matt 6:19-20**
- Paul said fix our eyes on what is unseen -2 Cor 4:18**

We hold on to the things we need to let go of, let go of things we need to hold on to.

“For here we have no enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come” **-Heb 13:14**



She Forfeited Grace...
...for Judgment

“those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs -Jonah 2:8

▪ **Judgment is Inevitable**

○ *it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment -Heb 9:27*

▪ **Mercy Will Keep Us From Judgment**

○ *Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. -Rom 5:9*

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**She Believed That Good Times...
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She Did Not Believe the Warning...

- **Jesus means in the last days people won't be ready for the**
 - **Antichrist**
 - **Tribulation**
 - **His Return**

They just don't believe that God will bring an end to the world as we know it and make a new heaven and a new earth (2 Pt 3:12-13).





**She Looked Back...
...When She Should Have Been Looking Ahead**

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The Devil Will Tempt You to Go Back to Your Own Life...

...Your Old Ways, Your Old Relationships.

You Have to Make A Clean Break and Move On...

...Or You Will Be Destroyed (Phil 3:13-14)

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**Where You Are Going is More Important...
...Than Where You've Been**

**Life is Ahead of You...
...Not Behind You**