

Sedom & The Last time God speaks to Himself

Breishit chapters 18 -19

16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked out toward Sodom; and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. 17 And the LORD said: 'Shall I hide from Abraham that which I am doing; 18 seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19 For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which He hath spoken of him.'

20 And the LORD said: 'Verily, the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and, verily, their sin is exceeding grievous. 21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto Me; and if not, I will know.' 22 And the men turned from thence, and went toward Sodom; but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

23 And Abraham drew near, and said: 'Wilt Thou indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Peradventure there are fifty righteous within the city; wilt Thou indeed sweep away and not forgive the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? ...' 26 And the LORD said: 'If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will forgive all the place for their sake.'

Chapter 19

1 And the two angels came to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom; and Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them; and he fell down on his face to the earth; 2 and he said: 'Behold now, my lords, turn aside, 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 way.' And they said: 'Nay; but we will abide in the broad place all night.' 3 And he urged 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 young and old, all the people from every quarter. 5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him: 'Where are the men that came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.' 6 And Lot went out unto them to the door, and shut the door after him. 7 And he said: 'I pray you, my brethren, do not so wickedly. 8 Behold now, I have two daughters that have not known man.... And they said: 'This one fellow came in to live here and now he judges us! We will deal worse with you, than with them.' And they pressed the door...

Yechezkel 16:48-49

49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom: pride, fulness of bread, and careless ease was in her and in her daughters; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

בראשית יח טז ויקמו משם האנשים וישקפו על-פני סדם ואברהם--הלך עמם, לשלחם.

יז וה' אמר המכסה אני מאברהם, אשר אני עשה. **יח** ואברהם--היו יהיה לגוי גדול, ועצום; ונברכו בו--כל, גויי הארץ. **יט** כי ידעתיו למען אשר יצוה את בניו ואת-ביתו אחריו, ושמרו דרך ה', לעשות צדקה ומשפט--למען, הביא ה' על-אברהם, את אשר-דבר, עליו.

כ ויאמר ה', זעקת סדם ועמרה כי-רבה; וחטאתם--כי כבדה, מאד. **כא** ארדה-נא ואראה, הכצעקתה הבאה אלי עשו כלה; ואם-לא, אדעה...

כג ויגש אברהם, ויאמר: האף תספה, צדיק עם-רשע. כד אולי יש חמשים צדיקים, בתוך העיר; האף תספה ולא-תשא למקום, למען חמשים הצדיקים אשר בקרבה...

כו ויאמר ה', אם-אמצא בסדם חמשים צדיקים-ונשאתי לכל-המקום, בעבורם.

יט /א ויבאו שני המלאכים סדמה, בערב, ולוט, ישב בשער-סדם; וירא-לוט ויקם לקראתם, וישתחו אפים ארצה....

ג ויפצר-בם מאד--ויסרו אליו, ויבאו אל-ביתו; ויעש להם משתה, ומצות אפה ויאכלו. **ד** טרם, ישכבו, ואנשי העיר אנשי סדם נסבו על-הבית, מנער ועד-זקן: כל-העם, מקצה.

ה ויקראו אל-לוט ויאמרו לו, אינה האנשים אשר-באו אליך הלילה הוציאם אלינו ונדעה אתם

יחזקאל טז מט: הנה-זה היה, עון סדם אחותך: גאון שבעת-לחם ושלות השקט... ויד-עני ואביון, לא החזיקה.

Shmuel Bet chapter 8

14 - And the LORD gave victory to David whithersoever he went. 15 And David reigned over all Israel; & David executed **justice and righteousness** to all his people.

Tehillim 72

1 To Shlomo - Give the king Thy judgments, O God, and Thy righteousness unto the king's son; **2** That he may judge Thy people with righteousness, and Thy poor **with justice**. **3** Let the mountains bear peace to the people, and the hills, **through righteousness**. **4** May he judge the poor of the people, and save the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor...

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall render tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. **11** Yea, all kings shall prostrate themselves before him; all nations shall serve him. **12 For he will deliver the needy** when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. **13** He will have pity on the poor and needy, and the souls of the needy he will save. **14** He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence,....

1 Kings Chapter 10

1 And the queen of Sheba heard of **the fame of Solomon because of the name of the LORD**, she came to prove him with hard questions. ... 3 And Solomon told her all her questions... r.

6 And she said to the king: 'It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom. 7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it; and, behold, the half was not told me; thou hast wisdom and prosperity exceeding the fame which I heard.

8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, that stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. 9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, who delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel; because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made He thee king, **to do justice and righteousness.**'

Isaiah chapter 1 [Shabbat Hazon]

...**10 HEAR** to the rebuke of the Lord, **OFFICERS OF SEDOM, LISTEN** to the **WAYS** of Your God, people of **AMORA** **11 Why do you bring me your many sacrifices...** **14 I despise your Holidays and Celebrations.** **15 An when you lift your hands in Prayer – I hide my eyes from you – and when you increase your Prayers, I do not listen... your hands are full ob blood...** **21 How did come about that an established city went astray. It was once filled with JUDGEMENT, RIGHTEOUSNESS dwelled there.**

ZION will be redeemed – should it to **JUDGEMENT**, its **EXILES** shall return – should they act with **RIGHTEOSNESS**

שמואל ב פרק ח טו וימלך דוד, על-
כל-ישראל; ויהי דוד עשה משפט
וצדקה לכל-עמו.

תהילים פרק עב

א לשלמה: אלהים--משפטיך,
למלך תנו; וצדקתך לבן-מלך. ב ידן
עמך בצדק; וענייך במשפט.
ג ישאו הרים שלום לעם; וגבעות,
בצדקה. ישפט עניי עם יושע, לבני
אביון; וידכא עושק.... יא וישתחו-לו
כל-מלכים כל-גוים יעבדוהו. יב כי-
יציל, אביון משוע; ועני, ואין-עזר לו.
יג יחס, על-דל ואביון...

מלכים א פרק י

א ומלכת-שבא, שמעת את-שמע
שלמה--לשם ה'; ותבא לנסתו,
בחידות.

ג ויגד-לה שלמה, את-כל-דבריה...
ו ותאמר אל המלך אמת היה הדבר, אשר
שמעתי בארצי... ולא-האמנתי לדברים,
... ח אשרי אנשיך, אשרי עבדיך אלה,
העמדים לפניך תמיד השמעים את-חכמתך
ט יהי ה' אלהיך, ברוך, אשר חפץ
בך, לתתך על-כסא ישראל--באהבת
ה' את-ישראל, לעלם, וישימך למלך,
לעשות משפט וצדקה.

ישעיהו פרק א – שבת חזון

שמעו דבר ה', קציני סדם; האזינו תורת
אלהינו, עם עמרה. יא למה-לי רב-זבחיכם..
יד חדשיכם ומועדיכם שנאה נפשי...
טו ובפרשכם כפיכם, אעלים עיני מכם--גם-כי-
תרבו תפלה, אינני שמע: ידיכם, דמים מלאו
כא איכה היתה לזונה, קריה נאמנה; מלאתי
משפט, צדק ילן בה... כז ציון, במשפט
תפדה; ושביה, בצדקה.

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Part One: The "peshat" of "drash" / for TSC www.tanach.org

A. Matza for dinner !

Chapter 19 1 And the two angels came to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom; and Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them; ' 3 And he urged 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.

B. Lot is reluctant to leave

19:15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying: 'Arise, take thy wife....'
16 **But he lingered**; and the men laid hold upon his hand,

C. Sodom is hit by a Plague

24 Then the LORD caused to rain upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

D. Parallels from Sefer Shmot

1. Chapter 3 - Hashem hears cry of oppression

7 And the LORD said: 'I have surely seen the affliction of My people that are in Egypt, **and have heard their cry** by reason of their taskmasters; **for I know their pains**; 8 **and I am come down to deliver** them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land

2. Chapter 12 -Nation not ready to leave

37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth... 39 **And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough** which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, **and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.**

3. Chapter 9 - Similar Plague - Hail

And Moses stretched forth his rod... **toward heaven; and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down** unto the earth; and the LORD caused to hail upon the land of Egypt. 24 So there was hail, and fire flashing up amidst the hail..

A בראשית יט

א/ וַיָּבֹאוּ שְׁנֵי הַמַּלְאָכִים סְדֹמָה, בָּעֶרֶב... ;
וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֹא, כִּי בָרְחוּב נָלִין. ג וַיִּפְצֹר-בָּם
מֵאֲדָ--וַיִּסְרוּ אֵלָיו, וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל-בֵּיתוֹ ; וַיַּעַשׂ
לָהֶם מִשְׁתֶּה, וּמִצּוֹת אָפָה וַיֹּאכְלוּ.

B טו וכמו השחר עלה, ויאיצו המלאכים

בלוט לאמר: קום קח את-אשתך...

טז וַיִּתְּמַהֲמָה--וַיַּחֲזִיקוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים בְּיָדוֹ

C כד ויהוה, המטיר על-סדם ועל-

עמרה--גפרית ואש מאת יהוה,
מן-השמים.

D. Parallels from Sefer Shmot

שמות פרק ג

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה, רֹאה רְאִיתִי אֶת-עַנְי
עַמִּי אֲשֶׁר בְּמִצְרַיִם ; וְאֶת-צַעֲקָתָם
שָׁמַעְתִּי מִפְּנֵי נִגְשָׁיו, כִּי יִדְעֵתִי אֶת-
מִכְאָבָיו. ח וְאֵרֵד לְהַצִּילוֹ מִיַּד מִצְרַיִם

שמות פרק י"ב

לז וַיִּסְעוּ בְנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל מִרַעַמְסֵס, סִכְתָּה... לט וַיֹּאפּוּ
אֶת-הַבָּצֵק אֲשֶׁר הוֹצִיאוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם, עֲגַת מִצּוֹת--כִּי לֹא
חֻמֵץ: כִּי-גִרְשׁוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם, וְלֹא יָכְלוּ
לְהִתְמַהֲמָה, וְגַם-צָדָה, לֹא-עָשׂוּ לָהֶם

שמות פרק ט

כג וַיֵּט מֹשֶׁה אֶת-מִטָּהוּ, עַל-הַשָּׁמַיִם, וַיְהִי נָתַן קֶלֶת
וּבָרָד... , וַתִּהְלֶךְ אֵשׁ אֲרָצָה ; וַיִּמָּטֵר
יְהוָה בָּרָד, עַל-אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם. כד וַיְהִי
בָרָד--וְאֵשׁ, מִתְלַקַּחַת בְּתוֹךְ הַבָּרָד

Part Two: To 'know God' / The 'chosen nation' in contrast to Sedom

A. God chooses Avraham Avinu to become a 'nation' (Breishit 12)

א וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-אַבְרָם, לֵךְ-לְךָ מֵאֶרֶץ־ךָ ,
אֶל-הָאָרֶץ, אֲשֶׁר אֲרָאָךְ. וְאֶעֱשֶׂךָ, לְגוֹי גָּדוֹל,
וְאֲבָרְכְּךָ, וְאֶגְדָּלְךָ שְׁמֹךְ; וְהָיָה, בְּרָכָה.
וְאֲבָרְכָה, מִבְּרַכֶּיךָ, וּמִקְלָלֶיךָ, אֲדָר; וְנִבְרְכוּ
בְּךָ, כָּל מִשְׁפַּחַת הָאָדָמָה.

1 Hashem said unto Abram: 'Get thee out of thy country, ... unto the land that I will show thee. And I will make you a **great nation**, and I will bless you and make your **name** great; and **you will be a blessing**.. And I will bless they that bless you.... and through you shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

B. God consults with Avraham before destroying Sedom (Breishit 18)

יז וַיְהִי, אָמַר: הֲמַכְסֶה אֲנִי מֵאַבְרָהָם,
אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי עֹשֶׂה. וְאַבְרָהָם--הֵיוּ יְהִי לְגוֹי
גָּדוֹל, וְעַצוֹם; וְנִבְרְכוּ-בּוֹ--כָּל, גּוֹיֵי הָאָרֶץ.

17 And the LORD said: 'Shall I hide from Abraham that which I am doing;--for Abraham is destined to become a **great nation**, and through him all the nations of the earth shall be blessed!

יט כִּי יָדַעְתִּיו, לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר יֵצֹא אֶת-בָּנָיו
וְאֶת-בֵּיתוֹ אַחֲרָיו, וְשָׁמְרוּ דֶרֶךְ יְהוָה,
לַעֲשׂוֹת צְדָקָה וּמִשְׁפָּט--לְמַעַן, הִבִּיא...

19 For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that...

C. To 'Know God' - according to Yirmiyahu (chapters 9 & 22)

כב כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה, אֶל-יְתֹהֵלֵל חָכָם
בְּחִכְמָתוֹ, וְאֶל-יְתֹהֵלֵל הַגִּבּוֹר, בְּגִבּוֹרָתוֹ; אֶל-
יְתֹהֵלֵל עֲשִׂיר, בְּעִשְׁרוֹ. כִּי אִם-בְּזֹאת יְתֹהֵלֵל
הַמִּתְהַלֵּל, הַשֹּׁכֵל וַיִּדַּע אוֹתִי--כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה,
עֹשֶׂה חֶסֶד מִשְׁפָּט וְצְדָקָה בְּאֶרֶץ: כִּי-בִאֵלָה
חִפְצָתִי, נֶאֱמַר-יְהוָה

9.22-23 ..Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understands, and **knows Me**, that I am the LORD who does **kindness justice, and righteousness**, in the earth; for in these things I delight, says Hashem

טו אֲבִיךָ הָלּוּא אָכַל וְשָׁתָה, וְעָשָׂה מִשְׁפָּט
וְצְדָקָה--אִז, טוֹב לוֹ. דָּן דִּין-עֲנִי וְאֶבְיוֹן, אִז
טוֹב; הָלּוּא-הִיא הִדְעַת אֹתִי, נֶאֱמַר-יְהוָה.

22.15-16 [Rebuke to King Yehoyakim] -Did not thy father eat and drink, and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. **Is not this to know Me?** saith the LORD

D. Redemption, according to ישעיהו (Yeshayahu 1:26-27)

.... בְּסֹדֶם הָיִינוּ, לַעֲמֹרָה דְּמִינוּ.... כֹּא אֵיכָה הִיְתָה לְזוֹנָה, קָרְיָה נְאֻמָּנָה; מְלֹאֲתֵי מִשְׁפָּט, צֶדֶק
יָלִין בָּהּ.... כָּלֹו אֶהֱב שְׁחָד, וְרִדְף שְׁלֹמָנִים; יָתוֹם לֹא יִשְׁפֹּטוּ, וְרִיב אֶלְמָנָה לֹא-יָבוֹא אֲלֵיהֶם...
כּו וְאֲשִׁיבָה שְׁפִטָּיִךְ כְּבָרָאשְׁנָה, וְיַעֲצִיךְ כְּבִתְחֻלָּה;
אַחֲרֵי-כֵן, יִקְרָא לְךָ עִיר הַצֶּדֶק--קָרְיָה, נְאֻמָּנָה.
כז צִיּוֹן, בְּמִשְׁפָּט תִּפְדָּה; וְשָׁבִיָּה, בְּצֶדֶקָה.