

# Genesis 19:11-14

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*The two angels caused the crowd of men to become blind, but they still try to find Lot's doorway. Then the angels told Lot to gather his family and leave Sodom because it was going to be destroyed. Lot tried to convince his soon to be sons-in-law to leave, but they did not believe him.*

The angels reveal their supernatural character, *they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness*. Then the mob cannot do what they intended, with an inability to see properly (2 Kings 6:18,20; Acts 9:3, 22:6, 26:13). It is amazing that this did not seem to deter the mob from pursuing the fulfillment of their lust. *They wearied themselves trying to find the doorway*. You would think if they lost their sight they might worry about getting their sight back as a priority.

The angels ask Lot, *"Whom else have you here?"* They tell him to gather his family and leave the city because they *are about to destroy this place*. The angels announce the coming destruction of the city. The city will be destroyed *because their outcry has become so great before the Lord*. This refers to the allegations of Genesis 18:20-21 which prompted Abraham's intervention for the righteous (Genesis 18:22-32). *The Lord has sent the angels to destroy it*. The outcry and allegations had been proven true beyond all doubt, consequently, the city will be judged, and punishment is inevitable.

It is worth reflecting on the power wielded by these two angels. They are formidable beings, able to inflict massive destruction.

Lot went to warn *his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters*. Lot had allowed his daughters to become engaged to young men who lived in Sodom. Lot tells the young men *"Up, get out of this place, for the Lord will destroy the city."* But *he appeared to his sons-in-law to be jesting*. It seems his sons-in-law considered the message ridiculous, unbelievable and too fantastic to be taken seriously. There could be many reasons for this. They might not have believed in or followed the LORD. Or they might not have believed a mere man could know such a thing. In any event, they chose to ignore their future father-in-law and trust in Sodom.

## **Biblical Text:**

**<sup>11</sup> They struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied *themselves* trying to find the doorway.**

**<sup>12</sup> Then the *two* men said to Lot, "Whom else have you here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city,**

bring *them* out of the place; <sup>13</sup> for we are about to destroy this place, because their outcry has become so great before the Lord that the Lord has sent us to destroy it.” <sup>14</sup> Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, and said, “Up, get out of this place, for the Lord will destroy the city.” But he appeared to his sons-in-law to be jesting.