Connections between stories
Discussion of Sodom and Gomorrah

Genesis 6-9

Noah (**Ark**) Story of origin of Canaanites, Hamites, Semites
Q: Were these consequences just? …was *everyone* evil?
Violence and evil
forced/nonconcentual incest
God saves a remnant

Genesis 11

Babel; disobedience: not be scattered
City
Consequence is to be scattered
Story of origin of different nations/languages
God saves, does not destroy the selfish/prideful

Genesis 18-19

Abraham **Sodom and Gomorrah**
Story of origin for Moabites and Ammonites
Q: Were these consequences just? …was *everyone* evil?
Note: God is open to criticism and question!
City of Sodom and Gomorrah
Violence and evil; wicked used 5 times
threat of homosexual rape, threat of child sacrifice
God saves those who obey

Judges 19-20

Gibeah: Sodom and Gomorrah moment 19:20-21:2
Justifies civil war against Benjamites with God's direction
Concubine is raped, dismembered, pieces shipped to the tribes
As a "Call to arms"
Judges ends "everyone did as they saw fit" (no king bookends)
Violence and evil
heterosexual rape, threat of child sacrifice, murder, dismemberment
Jebus, before it became Jerusalem
God saves a remnant of Benjaminites, to not to wipe out the tribe

I Samuel 5:1

Ark of Covenant in enemy hands
God protects "good"; "evil" is dismembered
Hands and head of Dagon on the threshold
Win over Philistines
Ashdod 5:5 "to this day", unnamed city, and Ekron
Ark is eventually returned to Israelites along with plunder

God saves the ark, absolving Israel from guilt of loss of ark

Flood, Sodom/Gomorrah (Genesis 18), Gibeah (Judges 19)

Meaningful contrasts:

- Abraham vs. Lot (unnamed Levite)
- Shepherd/farmer vs. city
- Israel vs. Canaan OR Faithful vs. pagan

Themes:

- Man's failure to protect his wives, daughters, concubines (even though they are given dominion over them)
- Man's selfishness to "sacrifice" his wives, daughters, concubines (shows the depravity of man)
- Man's violent and despicable acts of drunkenness, incest, and sexual violence (occur after the judgement of the "wicked" by the supposed "good")
- God protects the innocent/women (Sarah's story 2x) but later, God does not protect at Gibeah, God allows the wretched depravity (Israel's path)
- God's justice is harsh on the wicked, those who are saved are not all worthy, perhaps none are…

- *Coming soon:* God asks a faithful, blessed man to be willing to sacrifice his son to prove his faith