

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