

Bela or Zoar? Which are you?

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Shabbat Shalom Family,

Bela Or Zoar. Which are you?

This week again I am going to use an article from Chad and Marilyn Wilhelms and adapt it and add to it.

Why was Sodom and Gomorrah judged by Yehovah and destroyed by brimstone and fire and not all the other cities during that time or any other time up until present day? The gay Pride Parade is being flaunted in city after city around the world. Toronto is the number one city in the world for this. There are now gay pride love boat cruises and they are sold out in advance. So why did Yehovah only single out these 2 cities?

Here is the story;

Gen 14:1 And it happened in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations, 2 they made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar. 3 All these were joined together in the valley of Siddim, which is the Salt Sea. 4 They served Chedorlaomer twelve years, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. 5 And in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him came and struck the giants in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim, 6 and the Horites in their Mount Seir, as far as the oak of Paran, which is *by* the wilderness. 7 And they returned, and came to En-mishpat, which is Kadesh, and struck all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who lived in Hazazon-tamar. 8 And the king of Sodom went out, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboim, and the king of Bela (which *is* Zoar). And they joined battle with them in the valley of Siddim; 9 with Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal the king of nations, and Amraphel the king of Shinar, and Arioch the king of Ellasar, four kings with five. 10 And the

valley of Siddim was full of asphalt pits. And the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain. 11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their food, and went their way. 12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who lived in Sodom, and all his goods, and went away.

Amraphel and Tidal are Cush and Nimrod.

Gen 10:8 And Cush fathered Nimrod. He began to be a mighty one in the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before Jehovah. Therefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before Jehovah.

Nimrod was a hunter of "MEN" as he and Cush, who in mythology is known as "Kaos" or "Chaos" and the leading god of rebellion against Yehovah, are defeating all who will not submit to their authority. It was the first ruling Empire.

Take a look at the cities that rebelled and fought against the kings of the north.

(Gen 14:1-2). The cities that rebelled were:

- 1) Sodom
- 2) Gomorrah
- 3) Admah
- 4) Zeboiim
- 5) Bela (which is Zoar).

Gen 14: 2 they made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar.

If you look carefully at the above verse, you will see 5 cities, but only 4 Kings listed. Also, of the 5 cities, one city has its name change to another name.

So let's take a look at the Hebrew and try and figure out the meaning of these cities.

- 1) Sodom: **H5467** ??? s^edôm *sed-ome'*

From an unused root meaning to *scorch; burnt* (that is, *volcanic* or *bituminous*) district; *Sedom*, a place near the Dead Sea: – Sodom.

- 2) Gomorrah **H6017** ????? ??môrâh *am-o-raw'*

From H6014; a (ruined) *heap; Amorah*, a place in Palestine: – Gomorrah.

- 3) Admah **H126** ????? 'admâh *ad-maw'*

Contracted for H127; *earthy; Admah*, a place near the Dead Sea: – Admah.

- H127** ????? ?dâmâh *ad-aw-maw'*

From H119; *soil* (from its general *redness*): – country, earth, ground, husband [-man] (-ry), land.

H119 ??? 'âdam aw-dam'

To *show blood* (in the face), that is, *flush* or turn rosy: – be (dyed, made) red (ruddy).

4) Zeboiim **H6636** ?????? ?????? ?????° ts^ebô'??ym tseb??y??ym tseb??yim tseb-
oeem', tseb-ee-yeem', tseb-ee-yeem'

Plural of H6643; *gazelles*; *Tseboim* or *Tsebijim*, a place in Palestine: – Zeboiim, Zeboim.

H6643??? ts^eb??y tseb-ee'

From H6638 in the sense of *prominence*; *splendor* (as *conspicuous*); also a *gazelle* (as *beautiful*): – beautiful (-ty), glorious (-ry), goodly, pleasant, roe (-buck).

H6638 ??? tsâbâh tsaw-baw'

A primitive root; to *amass*, that is, *grow turgid*; specifically to *array* an army against: – fight, swell. (Pride)

5) Bela **H1106** ???? bela? beh'-lah

The same as H1105; *Bela*, the name of a place, also of an Edomite and of two Israelites: – Bela.

H1105 ???? bela? beh'-lah

From H1104; a *gulp*; figuratively *destruction*: – devouring, that which he hath swallowed up.

H1104 ???? bâla? baw-lah'

A primitive root; to *make away with* (specifically by *swallowing*); generally to *destroy*: – cover, destroy, devour, eat up, be at end, spend up, swallow down (up).

The meaning of these cities is interesting. Scorch/Burnt, Ruined Heap, Earthy/Worldly, Pride... Wait, what about Bela: Destruction? It says in Gen 14:2 "...Bela , which is Zoar.". So, what is the meaning of Zoar?

Zoar **H6820** ??? tsô?ar tso'-ar

From H6819; *little*; *Tsoar*, a place East of the Jordan: – Zoar.

H6819 ??? tsâ?ar tsaw-ar'

A primitive root; to *be small*, that is, (figuratively) *ignoble*: – be brought low, little one, be small.
*TO BE HUMBLE

When we read the destruction account of these cities in Genesis 19, pay particular attention to Gen 19:18-25. Lot asks to escape to Zoar (formerly called Bela).

Gen 19:18 And Lot said to them, Oh no, Lord, 19 please now, Your servant has found grace in Your sight, and You have magnified Your mercy, which You have shown to me in saving my life. And I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me and I die. 20 Behold now, this city *is* near to flee to, and it is a little one. Oh let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live. 21 And He said to him, See, I have accepted you concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken. 22 Hurry and escape there! For I cannot do anything till you have come there. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. 23 The sun had risen upon the earth, and Lot entered into Zoar. 24 Then Jehovah rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire, from Jehovah out of the heavens. 25 And He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

Once again here is the question:

Why was Sodom and Gomorrah judged by Yehovah. destroyed by brimstone and fire and not all the other cities during that time or any other time up until this present day?

Although my friend provided the answer, he does not yet see this as I do. I have been looking at this based on the Prophecies of Abraham. And I have not understood how this part of Abraham's life was a prophetic message to us. Almost all of the rest of his life I have explained in the Prophecies of Abraham which you can get at

<http://bookstore.authorhouse.com/Products/SKU-000366309/The-Prophecies-ofAbraham.aspx>

But this part of his life I did not understand until this study.

Before I get ahead of myself, lets answer the first question. The answer is because it is a prophetic message to **us** today.

When Abraham rescued his nephew Lot and defeated the Northern Kings, he also rescued the people of Sodom as well as those from the other cities (including their wealth) that were captured by the Northern Kings. And this included Jerusalem. Abraham also captured all the wealth of the Northern Kings. Abraham did not accept anything from the King of Sodom but he did accept 10% from the king of Salem. I believe the reason Abraham refused has something to do with this verse in Deuteronomy.

Deu 23:17 There shall be no harlot of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. 18 You shall not bring the hire of a harlot, or the price of a dog, into the house of Jehovah your God for any vow. For even both these *are* hateful to Jehovah your God.

Gen 14:16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, and the women also, and the people. 17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and of the kings with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which *is* the king's valley. 18 And Melchizedek the king of Salem brought forth bread and wine. And he *was* the priest of the most high God. 19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed *be* Abram of the most high God, possessor of Heaven and earth. 20 And blessed *be* the most high God, who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And he gave him tithes of

all. 21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the people and take the goods for yourself. 22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to Jehovah, the most high God, the possessor of Heaven and earth, 23 that I will take from all that is yours, *not* from a thread even to a shoestring, lest you say, I have made Abram rich. 24 Nothing for me, only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

Was it only Abraham and his 318 men who saved all the people or do you think that Yehovah has something to do with this?

Melchizedek had it correct. Read again what he said: 20 And blessed *be* the most high God, who has delivered your enemies into your hand.

It was Yehovah who redeemed all of these people. Yehovah did it through Abraham.

These people were REDEEMED by Yehovah. Now the test was to take place. For the next 20 years Yehovah would watch to see if Sodom, Gomorrah and the other cities that were redeemed would change their ways.

In Genesis 18 we read how Abraham and Yehovah are discussing the destruction that was about to come.

Gen 18:17 And Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham the thing which I do, 18 And Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the persons of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19 For I know him, that he will command his sons and his house after him, and they shall keep the way of Jehovah, to do justice and judgment, that Jehovah may bring upon Abraham that which He has spoken of him. 20 And Jehovah said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous, 21 I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which has come to Me. And if not, I will know. 22 And the men turned their faces away from there, and went toward Sodom. But Abraham still stood before Jehovah. 23 And Abraham drew near and said, Will You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? 24 Perhaps there are fifty righteous within the city. Will You also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are in it? 25 Far be it from You to act in this manner, to kill the righteous with the wicked. And far be it from You, that the righteous should be as the wicked. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? 26 And Jehovah said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. 27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak to Jehovah, who am but dust and ashes. 28 Perhaps there will be five lacking from the fifty righteous. Will You destroy all the city for lack of five? And He said, If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy *it*. 29 And he spoke to Him yet again, and said, Perhaps there shall be forty found there. And He said, I will not do *it* for forty's sake. 30 And he said, Oh let not Jehovah be angry, and I will speak. Perhaps there shall be thirty found there. And He said, I will not do *it* if I find thirty there. 31 And he said, Lo now, I have taken upon me to speak to Jehovah. Perhaps there shall be twenty found there. And He said, I will not destroy *it* for twenty's sake. 32 And he said, Oh do not let Jehovah be angry, and I will speak only once

more. Perhaps ten shall be found there. And He said, I will not destroy *it* for ten's sake. 33 And Jehovah went His way as soon as He had left off talking with Abraham. And Abraham returned to his place.

After being rescued and redeemed from the northern armies these cities went back to idolatry and their wicked ways.

Gen 18:20 And Jehovah said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous.

SO, what does this have to say about us? If the blood of the lamb has redeemed us, are we going to go back to our old ways?

We are about to enter the time when the King of the North is going to over-run Israel. And it will be Yehovah who will redeem us as we can read in Isaiah as we are rescued from the coming captivity.

Isa 14:1 For Jehovah will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel and set them in their own land; and the stranger shall be joined with them, and they shall cling to the house of Jacob. 2 And the peoples shall take them and bring them to their place; and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of Jehovah for slaves and slave girls. And they shall be captives of their captors; and they shall rule over their oppressors. 3 And it shall be in the day that Jehovah shall give you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear, and from the hard bondage which was pressed on you, 4 you shall take up this song against the king of Babylon and say, How the exacter, the gold gatherer has ceased! 5 Jehovah has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers 6 who struck peoples in wrath, a blow without turning away, ruling the nations in anger, a persecution without restraint. 7 All the earth is at rest *and* is quiet; they break out into singing. 8 Yea, the fir trees rejoice at you, the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*, Since you have fallen, no woodcutter will come up against us. 9 Hell from below is moved for you, to meet *you* at your coming. It stirs up the dead for you, all the he-goats of the earth. It has raised from their thrones all the kings of the nations. 10 All of them shall speak and say to you, Are you also as weak as we? Are you like us? 11 Your pride is brought down to the grave, *and* the noise of your harps. The maggot is spread under you, and the worms cover you. 12 How you are fallen from the heavens, O shining star, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart, I will go up *to* the heavens, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north. 14 I will go up above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. 15 Yet you shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the Pit. 16 Those who see you shall stare and closely watch you, *saying*, Is this the man who made the earth to tremble; who shook kingdoms; 17 *who* made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed its cities; *who* did not open the house for his prisoners? 18 All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. 19 But you are cast out of your grave *like* a hateful branch, *and like* the clothing of those who are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; like a dead body trampled

underfoot. 20 You shall not be joined with them in burial, because you ruined your land *and* killed your people; the seed of evildoers shall never be famous. 21 Prepare slaughter for his sons, because of the iniquity of their fathers, so that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world *with* cities. 22 For I will rise up against them, says Jehovah of Hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name and remnant, and son, and grandson, says Jehovah. 23 I will also make it a possession of the hedgehog, and pools of water; and I will sweep it with the broom of ruin, says Jehovah of Hosts. 24 Jehovah of Hosts has sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so it shall come to pass; and as I have purposed, it shall stand; 25 to break Assyria in My land, and on My mountains, trample him under foot. Then his yoke shall be removed from them, and his burden shall be taken off their shoulders. 26 This *is* the purpose that *is* purposed on all the earth; and this *is* the hand that *is* stretched out on all the nations. 27 For Jehovah of Hosts has purposed, and who shall reverse *it*? And His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back? 28 This burden was in the year that King Ahaz died: 29 Rejoice not, O Philistia, all of you, that the rod of your striking is broken. For a viper comes forth from the root of a snake, and his fruit *shall be* a fiery flying serpent. 30 And the first-born of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety; and I will kill your root with famine, and he shall slay your remnant. 31 Howl, O gate! Cry, O city! O Philistia, all of you, *are* melted away; for from the north a smoke comes, and no straggler in his ranks. 32 What shall *one* then answer the messengers of the nation? That Jehovah has founded Zion, and the poor of His people shall trust in it.

As was said earlier, Yehovah redeemed the peoples of these cities (Genesis 14). Yehovah wanted to see if the people would CHANGE for the better and turn from their wicked ways. Today Yehovah has blessed the nations of Israel more than all the other nations of the world and what have we done with it?

We now deny there is a God and remove all those things that relate to the commandments from our public buildings. We teach our children in schools that the homosexual lifestyle is normal and that there are no absolutes.

Deu 29:17 And you have seen their abominations and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which *were* among them) 18 lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turns away today from Jehovah our God, to go serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that bears gall and wormwood, 19 and it happens when he hears the words of this curse, that he shall bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart, to snatch away the drunken with the thirsty. 20 Jehovah will not be willing to forgive him, but then the anger of Jehovah and His jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie on him, and Jehovah shall blot out his name from under heavens. 21 And Jehovah shall set him apart to evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the Law; 22 so that the generation to come of your sons that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say (when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which Jehovah has laid on it) 23

the whole land shall be burned *with* brimstone, and salt; it shall not be sown; nor shall it sprout; nor shall there be any grass in it. It *shall be* like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which Jehovah overthrew in His anger, and in His wrath, 24 even all nations shall say, Why has Jehovah done this to this land? *For* what *is* the heat of this great anger? 25 Then *men* shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of Jehovah, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them forth out of the land of Egypt. 26 For they went and served other gods, and worshiped them, gods whom they did not know, and who had not given to them any portion. 27 And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against this land, to bring on it all the curses that are written in this book. 28 And Jehovah rooted them out of their land in anger and wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as *it is* today. 29 The secret things *belong* to Jehovah our God, but the revealed things *belong* to us and to our sons forever, so that we may do all the words of this Law.

Four cities were destroyed- but one repented and changed their ways. Bela was not destroyed. Instead, they were brought low; they humbled themselves and turned away from the evil way they pursued- and in so doing they saved their city from destruction.

Have you “Zoared” yourself yet? Have you “meeked” yourself yet? Have you submitted to Yehovah or are there areas you will not change in? Once the fire and Sulphur starts to fall it will be too late. Do it now while you can.

For more teaching on what it means to be “meeked” may I suggest you read this newsletter about how Moses was the meekest man on earth and why?

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