

Doctrinal Studies

Biblical Concept of Sodom and Gomorrah

1. Sodom represented the attractiveness of the details of life ([Gen. 13:10-11](#)). Sodom must have been the capital of the Jordan Valley with the King of Sodom ruling the entire valley ([Gen 14:2](#)).
2. Sodom represents the degeneracy of apostasy and sinfulness. Sinfulness reaches a degenerate peak under periods of apostasy ([Gen 13:13](#), [19:4-5](#), [I Kings 14:24](#) and [Jude 7](#)).
3. This degeneracy is related to sins of the mind. Behind all sinning is the sin of the mind! People work into degeneracy slowly. Sins of the mind as related to apostasy is found in [Isaiah 3:9](#).
4. When the majority of the people of a nation are saturated with such sins then this results in the destruction of that nation – [Lam. 4:6](#), [Jer. 49:18](#), [II Peter 2:6](#), [Amos 4:11](#), [Jude 7](#). Almost every major passage in the Bible dealing with apostasy mentions this principle.
5. Mental attitude sins destroy the ability to think properly and evaluate properly ([Hosea 11:7-8](#)).
6. God delivers the believer from such a Divine Judgment on degeneracy ([Luke 17:29](#)).
7. Such Divine judgment is total to unbelievers ([Rom 9:29](#)). When a segment of a population reaches total saturation degeneracy, then God has laws to destroy them (Sodom and Gomorrah). This is the Biblical reason for capital punishment! If crime goes unpunished, then crime goes up! When crime goes up, the human race is destroyed, freedom is destroyed, evangelism is destroyed, and law and order will be destroyed. If God had not destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, Caanites, Phonecians, etc. we would not be here today, or if we *were* here we would be like animals. God knows how to handle history.
8. Sodom is used to describe the unfaithfulness of Judah in [Ezekiel 16:46-58](#).