

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord and make straight his paths." Matthew 3:3

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Are you a type of Lot's wife? Unable to turn your back on Sodom? (the mark)?

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The word "gospel" means "good news". *"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them (the shepherds abiding in the field keeping watch over their flocks), Fear not: for, behold, I bring you GOOD TIDINGS (news) of great joy, which shall be to all people."* Luke 2:9-10. *"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."* Luke 2:13-14.

The great deliverer from the bondage of religion had been born into the world. Just as Moses' life was spared by the daughter of Pharaoh (Exodus 2:5,6), so Jesus Christ was delivered from the slaughter of all male children "two years old and under", fulfilling a prophecy given by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, *"In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel (Gr. ewe, or female sheep) weeping over her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not":* Herod, the king over Judea, had killed them. Jeremiah 31:15.

Once again, we hear the voice of the yet unborn being slaughtered (abortion) by the state, a type of the coming antichrist. Is this the red carpet of blood being thrown out for the soon coming king? We have learned from the murder of innocent Abel that God hears the voice of innocent blood crying from the ground. *"And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother?...the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground."* Genesis 4:9-10.

Hitler murdered six million Jews during his entire rule over Germany. We murder six million babies every year through abortion. Does this blood of innocent babies cry unto God from the ground? unto a living God? Apparently, our conscience is seared, for we are now ready to kill the elderly through euthanasia. Is it any wonder that man is quickly approaching *"the great and dreadful day of the Lord"* (the last 3½ years of the coming tribulation period). Malachi 4:5.

Apparently, the slaughter of innocent children (helpless to defend themselves) brings on a deliverer; in this final instance, however, it will bring judgment, because man will not repent. *"And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues (locusts as scorpions) yet repented not of the works of their hands (made graven images) that they should worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood; which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: neither repented they of their murders (abortion and euthanasia) nor their sorceries (witchcraft) nor of their fornication (temple and Wicca prostitutes) nor of their thefts (refusal to work; government handouts)."* Revelation 9:20-21.

Man simply is not going to repent! The Lord is left with no other choice but judgment. God is not going to "wink" at man's sins! Sin is like a giant python that begins to wrap around you. The more you indulge, the more the coiling and tightening around your body until you are hopelessly lost.

God has not appointed the church to wrath. He has made a way of escape, but we must repent of our Sodom and Gomorrah lifestyle and never look back! *"Remember Lot's wife."* Luke 17:32. Lot's wife had at least two daughters left in Sodom. She had been attending church in Sodom where the preacher preached *"thou and all thy house shall be saved"*. Acts 11:14. She became disillusioned with Christianity; her house was being destroyed by "fire and brimstone". Sodom had touched the flesh family of Mrs. Lot. Like Judas Iscariot, she felt she had been betrayed by the God of Abraham.

Judas, the Zealot, believed Christ would declare Himself "King of the Jews" after his triumphal ride into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. He believed for another King David to arise that would throw off the Roman yoke of Caesar. Instead, Jesus began overturning the moneychanger's tables, taking a cord of nine tails to them, screaming, *"My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves!"* Matthew 21:13. It took Judas a long time to get the message, "My kingdom is not of this earth."

In a similar fashion, Mrs. Lot's kingdom was being dismantled. We don't know the exact size of that kingdom, for we do not know how many daughters of Mrs. Lot were married to the men of Sodom. Mrs. Lot came with her husband as Lot preached to "his sons in law". *"Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city"*, cried Lot into the ears of his own daughters and sons in law. *"But he seemed as one that mocked* (Heb., laugh outright, make sport of, scorn) *unto his sons in law."* Genesis 19:14.

Mrs. Lot's kingdom was of this earth. Judas' kingdom was of this earth. Judas believed Jesus had deceived him, and thus deserved to die. Mrs. Lot had little preparation for "leaving this all behind". Her self-righteous husband was vexed daily with the filthy conversation of the wicked. *"...for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed* (Gr., tormented, in pain, tossed) *his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds."* 2 Peter 2:8. Much like a Rush Limbaugh, crying and screaming at their "unlawful deeds", while the preachers have long since been silenced in favor of Schullerism's "positive faith", and Kenneth Copeland's "positive confession", exclaiming, "Ye are gods!" Negativism is never entertained for a minute in Sodom churches; only love.

Why doesn't the scripture tell us to "Remember Lot"? He is the real hero. *"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations,"* and Lot was delivered! *"And to reserve the unjust* (Mrs. Lot) *unto the day of judgment to be punished."* 2 Peter 2:9.

We are warned by the Apostle John, *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."* 1 John 2:15. Why did Lot's wife look back? She had daughters and grandchildren in Sodom. Lot's wife was a grandma. Her roots had been comfortably planted in Sodom. *"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your heart be overcharged with surfeiting* (excess), *and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."* Luke 21:34. Lot's wife failed to deal with Sodom until it was too late. She probably believed

in "unconditional salvation". *"For as a snare (Gr., a trap [as fastened by a noose], a trick or temptation) shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth."* Luke 21:34-35. This is a prophecy of the coming "hour of temptation" which shall try them that dwell upon the earth.

God warns, *"Remember Lot's wife."* The church preaches, "Forget it, Jesus is coming soon!" Who is lying to the people? This is the reason it comes as a snare; you believe an "escapism" doctrine. Lot's wife did not escape! You will not escape the "hour of temptation". The world may call it a period of prosperity; a peace and safety era. God calls it, as far as believers, the hour of temptation. It will be directed by international bankers for the first 3½ years to bring about a false prosperity. *"He shall cause craft to prosper."* Daniel 8:25.

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The evangelicals, led by Chuck Colson and Pat Robertson, have signed a pledge of agreement with Rome, supposedly to strengthen family values. Birds of a feather eventually come together! Each relating a false security to the people of God.

Unconditional eternal security is as big a lie as Purgatory! God desires a leadership that will focus on the spiritual family of God; the remnant! Mark 10:28-31.

Remember Lot's wife. *"If the righteous scarcely be saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?"* 1 Peter 4:18.

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Lot never looked back! We have to start turning our back on Sodom, now! It will be more difficult tomorrow! Lot's righteous soul was "vexed daily". Is yours? Or are you comfortable in the "church where love is"? The church where no negativism is ever heard! To preach sermons against abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality, adultery, is called "negative preaching" in Sodom, and will not be tolerated by its membership.

Christians have been watching the same brainwashing talk shows as the world: Phil Donahue, Oprah Winfrey, Geraldo Rivera, Sally Jessy Raphael, and Montel Williams. They should have been busy reading their Bibles. These talk shows condition you to accept Sodom as a normal lifestyle. *"Even as Sodom and Gomorrha...giving themselves over to fornication (six million abortions annually is the ultimate condom), and going after (Gr. different, altered) flesh (transvestites, or effeminate males), are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."* Jude 7. The latest warning: don't use a condom with a Planned Parenthood "seal of approval" for your protection. They have reopened the bath houses of San Francisco, and freely supply condoms for "safe sex".

Since 1962, America has become like Sodom and Gomorrha through the Supreme Court decision making prayer and Bible reading in public schools illegal, and by establishing humanism as the state religion.

Have you managed to successfully live in Sodom? No big deal! Lot's wife did it! This is no time to let go of your moorings! Are you ready to join yourself to Sodom for the sake of your grandchildren? *"Remember Lot's wife."*

If it were not for one verse of scripture, 2 Peter 2:8, no one would accept Lot as being a Christian. It would be easy to get a "more ancient manuscript" that would omit 2 Peter 2:8, and send Lot to hell. After all, Jesus said, *"Ye shall know them by their fruit."* Lot had no fruit.

"And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrha, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt." Genesis 13:10.

Lot didn't plan to move into Sodom, just *"pitched his tent toward Sodom"*. Christians, we are told, are moving to Las Vegas because Nevada has no state income tax. *"But the men of Sodom were wicked sinners before the LORD exceedingly,"* (Genesis 14:13), just like Las Vegas.

Lot choose according to his eye sight. He was evidently a "carnal Christian". He certainly was no Noah or Abraham! Lot never made the Hebrews 11 "Hall of Fame" as some outstanding man of faith. Lot obviously could no longer attend the "thy and thy house shall be saved church". He was unqualified to run with this pack.

In 1993, the Oscar was given to a film titled Dances With Wolves. Christians are the only people to devour their own kind. The Mormons, the Jehovah Witnesses, the Masons, the Jews, the Catholics, all defend their own members. This truth was thrust upon me as I watched my only Christian daughter run. She suddenly got out of step with "the running of the wolves", and had not one single friend, except me. To survive, she had to "repent", and start again the running. They become a pack because they do not include the Lot's; those "saved as by fire." 1 Corinthians 3:15. All of us are not "Hall of Famers". In Luke 17:26-27, God tells us how these vessels of honor, the "Hall of Famers", will be saved. *"As it was in the days of Noah."* Noah was a real captain of his ship; a ship called "Thy and thy house shall be saved." Praise God he made it! But God is different from the church in that He doesn't forget Just Lot!

Noah and Lot depict the two resurrections, something the church refuses to recognize. Noah and the "thy and thy house" crowd will be in the first resurrection. They will rule and reign with Christ for 1,000 years!

Lot is a type of the person who is saved by fire, but all his works destroyed. *"If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."* 1 Corinthians 3:15. Unconditional securitists can read into this scripture a type of purgatory, that ultimately you will be saved, regardless of your abounding lifestyle in Sodom.

Dr. Dobson of Colorado Springs, Colorado, a Christian psychologist, named his organization, Focus on the Family. His band-aid, fix-it inspiration radio program has provided some help in attempting to make the natural family a kind of heaven on earth.

Jesus' focus, however, was on His spiritual family recorded in the 17th chapter of John. *"I have manifested thy name unto the men (disciples) which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were,*

and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word...I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou has given me, for they are thine." John 17:6,9.

Jesus never reminded God of His flesh family in His final prayer. The focus was on His spiritual family. *"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword...And a man's foes shall be they of his own household...He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."* Matthew 10:34,36,39. Lot lost his life, but found it; his wife sought to save her life, but went to hell.

Lot, saved as by fire, will be reserved unto the second resurrection. *"And another book was opened which is the book of life."* Revelation 20:12. Lot's name was written down. *"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up on THE LAST DAY."* John 6:40. The last day is the Great White Throne. Because the church fails to recognize two separate resurrections, they are like "the running of the wolves". Lot could never keep pace with Abraham (a Hall of Famer), which is why they separated. *"But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor and some to dishonor (works burned up)."* Simply put, Noah was a vessel of gold, while Lot was a vessel of earth. 2 Timothy 2:20. Aren't you glad Lot made it?

Both the Noah's and the Lot's arrive safely on heaven's shores. Paul doesn't damn one group simply because they can't keep pace. Stop this "running of the wolves" merely because "thy and thy house are saved." Condescend to men of low estate; to the Lot's in God's spiritual family.

It is the "running of the wolves", or the seeking to save our own lives that has caused Christendom to ignore the pleas of the widows and orphans. I am persuaded the Lot's can relate more to "widows and orphans" because of their disenchantment with the flesh family.

God never promised you to be a partaker of the first resurrection. Paul called it *"the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus"*. Philippians 3:14. Paul had to first be a martyr to attain unto such glory. *"Blessed and holy is he (Lot wasn't all that holy) that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."* Revelation 20:6.

"Verily, verily (truth, truth) I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whosoever eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at THE LAST DAY." John 6:53-54. All you have been promised by Jesus is in the second resurrection. Our only hope of being in the first resurrection is to be a martyr. Martyrdom is the seed of the church! Just the opposite of the "save your own life" philosophy of today. *"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; AND THEY LOVED NOT THEIR LIVES UNTO THE DEATH."* Revelation 12:11.

The "Good News" of the gospel, is that you do not have to be a "Hall of Famer" to go to heaven. Most of us can relate to Lot, rather than Noah, a perfect man. *"Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls, by their own righteousness, saith the Lord*

God." Ezekiel 14:14. It is impossible for us to follow perfect men as our examples. Most of us find it easier to identify with Lot; he tried and failed as a contender for the honor roll of "thy and thy house shall be saved".

"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested." Romans 3:21. Jesus Christ died not only to deliver us from our sins, but from religion as well!

God, through Moses, created the seventy elders of the Sanhedrin Court. The Sanhedrin held the power of life and death over every Jew in its hands. Only God could free the Jews from this diabolical politico-religious body of men. It was not the Jews that crucified Christ, but it was this Sanhedrin Court.

"Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost." Matthew 27:50. Surely Christ must have screamed to His Father to remember the priesthood of these seventy elders, for in the very next verse, as though an answer to His prayer, *"And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom."* Matthew 27:51. Why isn't this text ever chosen as an Easter message? Because preachers desire to rebuild the temple. Catholicism did! Where do you suppose the number of 70 cardinals came from? They rebuilt what God intended to no longer exist. One cardinal is a Jew. Could he become the "false prophet"? Revelation 19:20 and 16:13.

Judaism is the only true religion. God, through Jesus Christ, destroyed that when "the veil of the temple was rent". It is man that insists on building "three tabernacles", as Peter suggested, to commemorate the great event taking place on the Mount of Transfiguration. *"Lord it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for Thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias."* Matthew 17:4

There is no more "Holy of Holies" that the priest entered into once a year. *"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."* 1 Cor. 6:19-20. Therefore, "Flee fornication", 1 Corinthians 6:18, seemingly, this is the sin man wants most to commit. Fornication blocks the method God has chosen to communicate to man via His Spirit. Insistence upon the act, and you will no longer hear his voice.

This particular thesis is upon leadership, "the running of the wolves"! They run in packs! They follow the leader. Jesus said, *"Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."* Matthew 15:14. *"Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts...Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace."* Ezekiel 13:3-4,10.

Through the Earl Warren Court, our public school system adopted humanism as the state religion. The teachers are the "soldiers in the trenches" to create the new society, void of religion. We are just now beginning to "reap the whirlwind". Tomorrow will be worse than today.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." 2 Tim. 3:1. Why? Because *"men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents,*

unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power (Holy Ghost baptism) thereof (all unconditional eternal securitist do): from such turn away." 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

"For of this sort are they which creep into houses (via television) and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." 2 Timothy 3:6-7. The women's movement came out of churches teaching "unconditional eternal security".

The Bible warns about giving birth to children "in perilous times". *"And woe unto them that give suck in those days."* Matthew 24:19. The dumbest animal on the face of the earth is a sheep. It never, seemingly, engages his brain; just does what the sheep in front is doing. If you put up a stick for the lead sheep to jump over, every sheep following will jump in that same spot, though the stick is no longer there.

How do you get to the leader of the pack, supposedly, the shepherds, and tell them that *"Occupy until I come"*, Luke 19:13, does not mean to be taking the "fertility pill" to see how many babies you can pump out in these godless times. 80% of all minority babies and 22% of all white babies are born out of wedlock. The state encourages this lifestyle by giving so generously to these single parent families. Continuation of this practice will bankrupt the nation.

The warning "Remember Lot's wife" is to tell women, "For God's sake, knock it off!" Lot's wife went to hell because of her daughters in Sodom.

Women, for some reason, want babies! Marriage is secondary! They can go to a "sperm bank" and have their own baby! It is believed Antichrist will prohibit marriage, to prevent more children coming into the world, *"Neither shall he regard the desire of a woman."* Daniel 11:37. Even Antichrist won't be able to cope with this new crop; an even more depraved generation of druggers, rock and rollers, drive by shooters, transvestites, lesbians, bestiality sex, pornography and pedophiles. These are just babies now! God says it will be like Sodom and Gomorrha.

If you believe that your influence in the home is going to save your children from Sodom, you are in for a rude awakening! I raised my family thirty minutes from Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley and thirty minutes from Haight-Ashbury in San Francisco, during the 1960's. This was a mind-boggling experience for a parent. No parent was sure what he or she should do.

Do you have a child in your arms? *"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."* Revelation 13:17. You cannot buy milk for your child without this mark (666) in your right hand, or in your forehead. Revelation 13:16. Do you believe this?

"And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed than having two hands and go in to hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched." Luke 9:43. In a more practical sense, if making babies is going to send you to hell, it is better to go through life maimed: as a eunuch. *"And*

there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs (Gr. castrated - live unmarried) for the gospel's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it." Matthew 19:12.

"As it was in the days of Noah" and "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot," Luke 17:26-30, so-called Christians keep pumping out babies! "They married wives" to have a family, and then gave their daughters and sons in marriage to create more children. They never allowed "the last days" to affect their production of children. They believe their "boob tube" god, instead of the Bible.

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts (believing in Calvinism), and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 2 Peter 3:3,4. These scoffers never allowed "the signs of the times" to interfere with their sex life.

By our Christian leader's example, we are being told the same thing: "You see me, as your pastor, I am busy populating the world." Nothing to worry about as long as the leader is pumping out babies. The Bible says, *"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept."* Matthew 25:5. It is time for the virgins to wake up!

The Apostle Paul stated, *"For I would that all men were even as I myself."* 1 Corinthians 7:7. Paul was single and never produced a child. This was true leadership! The church prides itself in believing "Pauline truth". They never mention this one as part of that truth. Hence, Paul and Barnabus carried about a Titus, Timothy or a John Mark for companionship.

While in jail, Paul writes to Timothy, *"Only Luke is with me. Take Mark and bring him with thee, for he is profitable to me for the ministry."* 2 Timothy 4:11. According to the Metropolitan Church, these are all gay, because none had wives. Of the early church, only Cephas (Peter) carried about a wife. Apparently, the rest of the brethren *"led about a sister"* 1 Corinthians 9:5, retaining her in the ministry like Paul did a Titus. When she was past "the flower of her age" (no longer capable of having children), then they would marry. Apparently, they were betrothed to these virgins. *"Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin (a virgin) doeth well. So then he that giveth her to marry doeth well: but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better."* 1 Corinthians 7:37-38. They needed a woman for companionship, not sex. *"It is not good that man should be alone."* Genesis 2:18. *"But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age...let them marry."* 1 Corinthians 7:36.

The early church was led by leaders, Paul and Barnabus, who did not have a wife or children, knowing full well this would detract in their love for Jesus and His ministry. *"He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord: but he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife."* 1 Corinthians 7:32-33.

With leaders like Paul and Barnabus, marriage, procreation, family, were put in proper focus, particularly those called to be apostles and brethren of the early church.

1 John 2:18, records the reason why the early church practiced celibacy. *"Little children, it is the last time, and you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now are there many antichrists, by which we know that it is the last time."*

These three beliefs affected their sex life and is why they became celibate:

1. Caesar was antichrist;
2. They would be martyrs (therefore ridiculous to have children);
3. It is the "last time".

Those who did not believe these tenets *"went out from us, but they were not of us...they went out that they might be made manifest, that they were not of us."* 1 John 2:19.

The apostles believed Caesar could cause "the abomination of desolation" by entering into the Jewish temple and proclaiming himself God, as Daniel prophesied. Once the temple was destroyed in 70 A.D. the church abandoned these tenets.

As we approach the rebuilding of the temple, once again these same tenets come into vogue. All Antichrist is, is another Caesar over the revived Roman Empire (the Common Market of Europe).