

Portion: VaYera (And He Appeared)
Berēshith (Genesis 19:1-35)

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1 And the two messengers came to Sedom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sedom. And when Lot saw them, he rose up to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground,
2 and he said, "Look, please my masters, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet, and rise early and go your way." And they said, "No, but let us spend the night in the open square."
3 But he urged them strongly, and they turned in to him and came into his house. And he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.
4 Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sedom, both old and young, all the people from every part, surrounded the house.
5 And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, and let us 'know' them."
6 So Lot went out to them through the doorway, and shut the door behind him,
7 and said, "Please, my brothers, do not do evil!
8 Look, please, I have two daughters who have not known a man. Please, let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you wish, only do no deed to these men, because they have come under the shadow of my roof.
9 But they said, "Stand back!" And they said, "This one came in to sojourn, and should he always judge? Now we are going to treat you worse than them." So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door.
10 But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door.
11 Then they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, and they wearied themselves to find the door.
12 And the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city - bring them out of this place!
13 For we are going to destroy this place, because the cry against them has grown great before the face of יהוה, and יהוה has sent us to destroy it.
14 And Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, "Get up, get out of this place, for יהוה is going to destroy this city!" But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be as one joking.
15 And when morning dawned, the messengers urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city."
16 And while he loitered, the men took hold of his hand, and his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, יהוה having compassion on him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

17 And it came to be, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be consumed."

18 And Lot said to them, "Oh no, יהוה!

19 "Look, please, your servant has found favour in your eyes, and you have increased your loving-commitment which you have shown me by saving my life, but I am unable to escape to the mountains, lest calamity overtake me and I die.

20 "Look, please, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is small. Please let me escape there - is it not a small matter - and let my life be saved?"

21 And He said to him, "Look, I have favoured you concerning this matter also, without overthrowing this city for which you have spoken.

22 Hurry, escape there. For I am not able to do any deed until you arrive there. So the name of the city was called Tso'ar.

23 The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Tso'ar.

24 And יהוה rained sulphur and fire on Sedom and Amarah, from יהוה out of the heavens.

25 So He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a post of salt.

27 And Abraham arose early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before יהוה,

28 and he looked toward Sedom and Amarah, and toward all the land of the plain. And he looked and saw the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace.

29 Thus it came to be, when Elohim destroyed the cities of the plain, that Elohim remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.

30 And Lot went up out of Tso'ar and dwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters were with him, for he was afraid to dwell in Tso'ar. And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave.

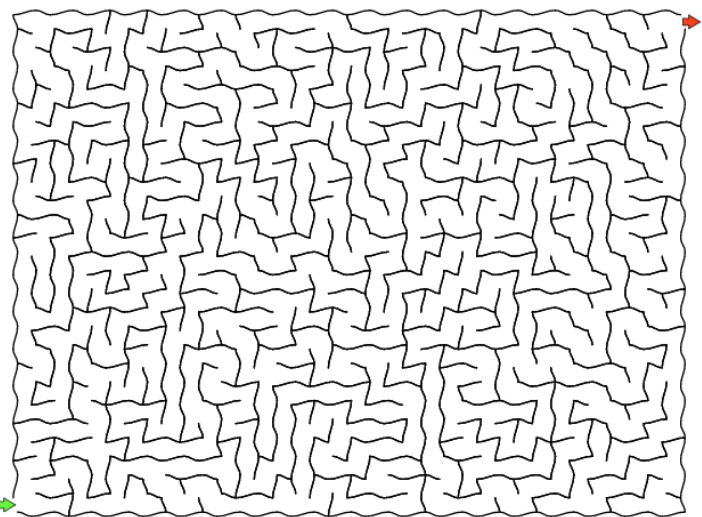
31 And the first-born said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is no man on the earth to come in to us, as is the way of all the earth.

32 Come, let us make our father drink wine and lie with him, so that we preserve the seed of our father.

33 So they made their father drink wine that night. And the first-born went in and lay with her father, and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose.

34 And it came to be on the next day that the first-born said to the younger, "See, I lay with my father last night. Let us make him drink wine tonight as well, and you go in and lie with him, so that we keep the seed of our father."

35 So they made their father drink wine that night as well. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose.



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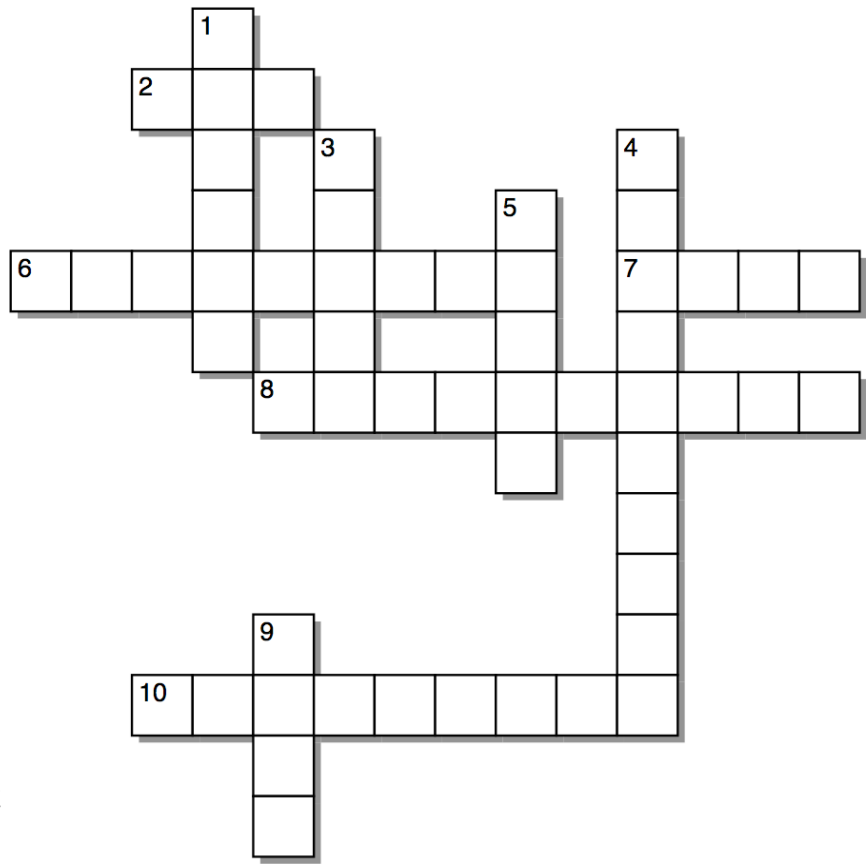
- 1) יהוה rained _____ and fire on Sedom and _____, from יהוה out of the heavens.
- 2) The men reached out their hands and _____ Lot into the house with them, and _____ the door.
- 3) We are going to destroy this place, because the _____ against them has _____ great before the face of יהוה, and יהוה has sent us to destroy it.
- 4) Look, I have _____ you concerning this matter also, without _____ this city for which you have spoken.
- 5) Come, let us make our father drink _____ and lie with him, so that we _____ the seed of our father.
- 6) Thus it came to be, when Elohim destroyed the cities of the _____, that Elohim remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the _____.
- 7) Have you anyone else here? A son-in-law, and your _____, and your _____, and whomever you have in the city - bring them out of this place.
- 8) Get up, get out of this place, for יהוה is going to _____ this city!" But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be as one _____.
- 9) Look, please, this city is near enough to _____ to, and it is small. Please let me escape there - is it not a _____ matter - and let my life be saved.
- 10) Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be _____ in the _____ of the city.

True Or False

- 1) The messengers wanted Lot and his family to flee to the mountains. True/False
- 2) Lot suggested that the messengers let his family flee to Tseboyim. True/False
- 3) The messengers, originally, were only going to destroy Sedom and Amarah. True/False

Across

- 2. Who was sitting at the gate of Sedom?
- 6. Lot and his two daughters dwelt where?
- 7. Lot's wife turned to what when she disobeyed?
- 8. What kind of bread did Lot prepare for his guests?
- 10. What did the guests strike the men of the city with?



Down

- 1. To his sons-in-law he seemed to be as one _____.
- 3. Elohim destroyed the cities of the _____.
- 4. Two what came to Sedom at night?
- 5. The city that Lot fled to?
- 9. Lot's two daughters made their father drink what?

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