

DEAD SEA, ISRAEL



Lost Cities of Ash



GOMORRAH - Stark remains of a city incinerated totally to ash by the fierce heat and burning brimstone 3,900 years ago

In one of the most desolate regions on earth are found the ashen remains of what were once entire cities. The evidence found within is unmistakable. There is only one possible explanation...

They are the lost cities of Sodom & Gomorrah



CITY WALLS - Eroded but discernable, the boundaries of the city are still there

Report from the Dead Sea, Israel

The discovery of **SODOM & GOMORRAH**

THE Dead Sea valley is the deepest spot on earth. It drops to 1,300 feet below sea level.

Without artificail irrigation, virtually nothing grows in it's dry "lunarscape". Even fish cannot survive in the water of the Dead Sea, for it is many times saltier than sea water. Around the desolate shore stand the stumps of ancient trees, encrusted in salt.

In summer the valley bakes like an oven. It is hard to believe that this whole area was once like a beautiful garden and exceptionally fertile.

The legendary cities of Sodom and Gomorrah flourished in this very place. And they were very large cities. Archaeologists working across the valley from the sites have found immense cemeteries containing over 1,000,000 graves. This gives some indication of the size these cities had grown to before destruction rained down upon them from out of a blue sky.

Divine judgement upon those who lived ungodly

SODOM and Gomorrah, according to the records, were hotbeds of sexual perversion and immorality.

So corrupt had the cities become, that they passed even the limits of Divine forbearance. Today, the name "Sodom" has become synonymous with acts that were said to be performed in that wicked city.

Upon the whole valley fire and brimstone (sulphur) was rained down. The Bible states "*the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.*" (Gen 19:28). Everything was totally incinerated, leaving little more than ash.

There is no example in the world of any "natural" disaster that resembles the phenomena found at these sites, not even destruction by volcanic eruption.

For example, in Pompeii, a city destroyed by the Mt Vesuvius eruption, volcanic ash smothered everything and buried the city. Inside Pompeii, paintings in pristine condition can still be seen on the walls of the houses. People and animals buried during Pompeii's destruction have been unearthed as empty cavities.

By contrast, everything at the Sodom & Gomorrah sites have been turned totally to ash. A skeleton found by Ron Wyatt in one of the lost cities still had human form but was composed of ash. Even the marrow, visible in the bones, was totally turned to ash.

The cities were built largely of limestone, and when limestone is incinerated with sulphur, it produces calcium sulphate ash. Analysis of the remains at Sodom & Gomorrah reveals it is very clean calcium sulphate, with virtually no trace elements.

The fact that few trace elements remain is indicative of intense, fierce heat, enough to break down entire limestone buildings and vaporise all other minerals. Volcanism does not produce this kind of clean ash.



In places charcoal is found in the ash



The remains of an incinerated structure



Sulphur Ball - Embedded in the ash remaining from the destroyed buildings



Brimstone - in the white monoclinic form, a result of having been 'cooked'



Gomorrah's "cooked" sulphur (left) vs naturally occurring yellow sulphur

"Brimstone"

UNIQUE EVIDENCE

THROUGHOUT the sites are very unusual balls of pure elemental sulfur.

The Bible states "...the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven." (Gen 19:24)

Considering its supernatural origin, one would expect to find unique characteristics in such sulfur, and this is indeed the case. Its composition reveals lengthy exposure to high temperatures.

Sulfur found in geothermal

regions is invariably the "rhombic" form, evident from it's familiar bright yellow colour.

By contrast, the brimstone from these Dead Sea sites is the pale white "monoclinic" form. Sulphur changes to this form when exposed to high temperatures for an extended period of time, as would have been the case..

X-ray Fluorescence Semiquant analysis and other tests reveal the sulfur balls to be up to 98.4% pure sulphur, significantly more pure than naturally occurring sulphur.

The sulfur balls have been found at all five destroyed cities, and although numerous geologists have been consulted, no other examples of naturally occurring sulfur is found anywhere on earth that remotely resembles the form found at these sites.

In places fired clay and charcoal can be found in the ruins. Considering all the evidence, it becomes obvious that these sites cannot be dried lake deposits, or the results of volcanism, as some have suggested. The only real explanation for the growing evidence is that found in Genesis 19:24 - total destruction by fire and brimstone! The condition of these ancient cities are exactly as the Bible states, "...turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes..." 2 Peter 2:6.



ASHEN GHOST TOWN - once home to a very large population, evident from the size of the ancient cemeteries nearby

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BIBLICAL EVIDENCE

SODOM & GOMORRAH

A few examples of how this discovery matches the clues found in the Biblical record

BIBLE CLUES

Jude 7 - The destruction of these cities was to be an "example" to all

2 Peter 2:6 - The entire cities themselves were turned totally into ash

Genesis 19:25 - Every living thing in the entire plain was consumed

Deut 29:23 - A certain amount of sulfur was to remain as a witness

ACTUAL FINDINGS

Still visible today - Most of the sites are easily accessible and can be visited today, in order to confirm the details given in the Bible

Everything turned to Ash - This is not merely a normal "burning", for in this case even the very stone buildings themselves have been reduced to ashes

A once fertile region now desolate - The entire Dead Sea valley is a bleak "lunarscape", although tree stumps in the dead sea testify it was once fertile

Brimstone Balls - Some remain today as unique witnesses of the destructive element God used. They are easily found in abundance within the ash

More documentation available!

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