

DEAD SEA, ISRAEL



Lost Cities of Ash

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



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



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

Report from the Dead Sea, Israel
The finding of **SODOM & GOMORRAH**

THE Dead Sea valley is the deepest spot on earth. It dips down between Israel and Jordan, 1,300 feet below sea level, to what is known as the Dead Sea.

Virtually nothing grows there. 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 evidence indicates 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 before their destruction by fire and brimstone.

Divine Judgement

SODOM and Gomorrah, according to Ezekiel 16:49-50.

"Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me; therefore I took them away as I saw good."

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 the 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.

By contrast, everything at the Sodom & Gomorrah sites have been turned totally 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 reveals it is very clean calcium sulphate, with virtually no trace elements.



Jerry Bowen, Director of ASI stands next to a sphinx shaped ashen structure.



In places, charcoal is found in the ash..



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) versus naturally occurring yellow

"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 ball, 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 its 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.

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.

No other examples of naturally occurring sulfur has been found anywhere else on earth that remotely resembles the form found at these sites.

In places, fired clay and charcoal can be found in the ruins. 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, as evidenced by 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	ACTUAL FINDINGS
Jude 7 - The destruction of these cities was to be an "example" to all	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
2 Peter 2:6 - The entire cities themselves were turned totally into ash	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
Genesis 19:25 - Every living thing in the entire plain was consumed	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
Deut 29:23 - A certain amount of sulfur was to remain as a witness	Brimstone Balls - Some remain today as unique witnesses of the destructive element God used. They are easily found in abundance within the ash