

### Wicked – The Definition in Genesis

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### Search for Wicked

Words are defined by context. Go to [Genesis](#) on your Computer and find the word “wicked” with your browser. As soon as we type in the first three letters “wic” the browser jumps to where “the Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually.” This wickedness (that is not defined) is the reason for “The Worldwide Flood”. Search further down and the browser jumps to the reason for the Lord destroying Sodom and Gomorrah. Here is the first and only example defining wicked in Genesis. According to my Episcopal church that definition is “poor hospitality”, the new description of wicked. Previously it was called “sodomy” (named after the story here in Genesis). Whatever it was, it was contagious, because even the children were involved. Whatever it was, it was wicked causing evil and it was referenced more than 30 times throughout the Bible as being the example of wickedness, the meaning of which we all understand. This first mention of the Sodom story (also detailed in chapter 19) is quite long in chapter 10, and wicked is used 5 more times to describe it. Wicked is again found but not described in chapter 13 (before the Lord destroyed Sodom) where Lot chooses to live there even though he knew it was wicked. Then it is found but not described 3 times in chapter 18 (before the Lord destroyed Sodom) where Abram is asking the man (the Lord) if he will slay the righteous with the wicked when he destroys Sodom. The answer is no, any righteous and he will forgive the whole place for their sake.

### Wickedness Defined in Detail as Sodomy or Hospitality

In chapter 19 the wickedness of Sodom is defined in detail. The only sin mentioned is Sodomy which is now called poor hospitality. Lot meets the angels at the gate of the city where he is very anxious they not stay out in the city square. He has always known Sodom’s wickedness. The men of Sodom (all the men including children, all the people of the city) want to “know” the angels. This “knowing” is so wicked that Lot wants to substitute his two virgin daughters for the men of Sodom to “know”. This “knowing” is described as a deed or “doing” something to them. Lot allows them to do to his daughters as they please, but they reject his offer and threaten to “do” him.

### Wickedness defined as Adultery, a sin against God

Another time we find wicked in Genesis is chapter 38, the story of Tamar and her husband Er (Judah's firstborn son), and his brother Onan who spilled his seed on the ground. They were both killed by the Lord, but only Er was called wicked. So, this Tamar story does not add anything to the definition of wicked. In Genesis chapter 39 righteous Joseph describes his potential lying with Potiphar's wife as great wickedness, a sin against God. Since that is the last mention in Genesis, Genesis defines wickedness as sodomy (poor hospitality), under the umbrella of the sin of adultery, and a sin against God.

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