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JESUS' PRE-INCARNATION MANIFESTATIONS

PART 7 - JESUS' WARNING TO SODOM

Chapter 18 of Genesis records the third physical appearance of Jesus to Abraham. Verse 1 says, ***“And the LORD appeared unto him”*** as he sat at his tent door. The LORD [Jesus manifested as a man] was not alone as there were two other men [angels in human form] that accompanied him.

During this epiphany, Jesus said that Sarah would bear a son within a year. However, the main purpose of His presence was to inform Abraham of the impending destruction of Sodom, where Abraham's nephew Lot resided. Because of his covenant with Abraham, he told him this was going to happen in person.

Abraham interceded for Sodom to be spared for his nephew's sake, but to no avail. The LORD [Jesus] then left Abraham [vs. 33] and Abraham returned to his tent. The other two men [angels] who had accompanied the LORD, continued on to Sodom as recorded in Genesis 19:1. This verse clearly identified the other two men that were with the LORD as being angels.

Just as God held Abraham in such high esteem as to appear to him in person [an epiphany] three times, so also did the Jews hold Abraham in high regard many centuries later when they called him “Father Abraham.”

Hebrews 11:8-19 heralds Abraham as the model of faith for all believers.