
LOT'S DESCENDANTS



After Lot fled the city of Sodom, which God destroyed with fire and brimstone because of their sins of homosexuality, he had a son named Ben-Ammi. According to Genesis 19:38 he was the father of the Ammonites.

The Ammonites became one of Israel's most hated enemies. They were one of the nations that hired Balaam to curse Israel at the time of Moses, as recorded in Nehemiah 13:1-2. Because of that action, God declared in Deuteronomy 23:3 that no Ammonite could ever enter into the assembly of the Lord.

Biblical archaeology has brought to light many artifacts from the kings of Ammon. One such seal is found impressed with the words: **"Milqom, the steward of Baalis."**

Baalis is mentioned in the Bible as being the king who had Gedaliah the governor of Judah assassinated, as recorded in Jeremiah 40:13-14:

"Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields came

to **Gedaliah** at Mizpah, and said to him, "Do you certainly know that **Baalis the king of the Ammonites** has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to murder you?" But **Gedaliah** the son of Ahikam did not believe them."

Gedaliah's seal has also been unearthed in archaeology.



Gedaliah Seal

A mention of the Ammonite's was also found on a bronze bottle near Amman Jordan. The relic belonged to Amminadab the first, the king of the Ammonites (650 B.C.) It is engraved with the words "**The Sons of Ammon.**"

Another famous artifact known as the monolith inscription, from Shalmaneser the third, mentions the leader of an Ammonite army along with Ahab the king of Israel. The inscription reads:

"To strengthen his forces he was assisted by Hadazer of Damascus who had 1,200 chariots and cavalrymen, along with 20,000 soldiers on foot . . . 2,000 chariots and 10,000 troops of **Ahab from Israel . . . military forces of Basa, the son of Ruhubi, the Ammonite.** Combined they numbered twelve kings."



**Inscription mentioning
Ahab of Israel and the
king of Ammon.**

**Do not follow the example of the Ammonites.
But flee temptation like their ancestor Lot.**

“For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; and **delivered righteous Lot**, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked **(for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)**; **then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations** and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment.”

2 Peter 2: 4-9

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