

# Josh Bender Senior Sermon Sources and Thank Yous

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## Pirkei DeRabbi Eliezer 25:11

...The pity of 'Edith the wife of Lot was stirred for her daughters, who were married in Sodom, and she looked back behind her to see if they were coming after her or not. And she saw behind the Shekhinah, and she became a pillar of salt, as it is said, "and his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt" (Gen. 19:26).

**פרקי דרבי אליעזר כ"ה:י"א**  
...עירית אשתו של לוט נכמרו רחמה על בנותיה הנשואות והביטה לאחריה לראות אם הולכות אחריה אם לא (וראת אחרי) [וראתה אחריה] השכינה ונעשית נציב מלח, שנאמר ותבט אשתו מאחוריו ותהי נציב מלח:

## Rav Hirsch on Torah, Genesis 19:26

By standing still, she (Lot's Wife) was overtaken by death, which followed closely behind her.

(Some sources in Rabbinic tradition envision that which destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah as radiating outward, somewhat like the explosion from a bomb)

## רש"ר הירש על התורה, בראשית

י"ט:כ"ו

Indem sie stille stand, ward sie von dem ihr auf die Ferse folgenden Tode erreich

## Psalms 147:3

(3) He heals their broken hearts, and binds up their wounds.

## תהילים קמ"ז:ג'

(ג) הָרַפָּא לְשִׁבּוּרֵי לֵב וּמְחַפֵּשׁ לְעֵצְבוֹתָם:

## Ramban on Genesis 18:15

... She (Sarah) laughed within herself in derision, just [as the word "laugh" is used in the verse]: "*He that sitteth in heaven laugheth, the Eternal hath them in derision*" (Psalms 2:4). For joyous laughter is [expressed in Hebrew as originating] in the mouth — "*Then was our mouth filled with laughter*" (Psalms 126:2) — but laughter originating in the heart (derisive laughter) is not spoken of as joyous.

**רמב"ן על בראשית י"ח:ט"ו**  
ותצחק בקרבה ללעג כמו יושב בשמים ישחק ה' ילעג למו (תהלים ב ד) כי השחוק לשמחה הוא בפה אז ימלא שחוק פינו (שם קכו ב) אבל השחוק בלב לא יאמר בשמחה:

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