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Torah Portion of Netzavim

“Too Much or Too Little”

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Deuteronomy 29:22
Sulfur and salt have burned up its entire land! It cannot be sown, nor can it grow [anything], not [even] any grass will sprout upon it. It is like the overturning of Sodom, Gemorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the Lord overturned in His fury and in His rage.

Genesis 19:24
And the Lord caused to rain down upon Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire, from the Lord, from heaven

Babylonian Talmud Sanhedrin 104:2
Said Raba said R’ Yochanan: The [destruction of] Jerusalem was [worse than] the [destruction of] Sodom, for by Sodom it is written (Ezekiel 16) “Behold this was the sin of Sodom your sister brilliant and sated with bread, yet the poor and the destitute were not supported…” and by Jerusalem it is written (Lamentations 4) “The hands of merciful women cooked their own children.” (translation Sareet Benayahu)

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