

Genesis 14:1-24 **Abram Rescued Lot**

¹ “And it came to pass in the days of **Amraphel** king of Shinar, **Arioch** king of Ellasar, **Chedorlaomer** king of Elam, and **Tidal** king of nations, ² that they made war with **Bera** king of Sodom, **Birsha** king of Gomorrah, **Shinab** king of Admah, **Shemeber** king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). ³ All these joined together in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). ⁴ Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

⁵ In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him came and attacked the Rephaim in Ashteroth Karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim, ⁶ and the Horites in their mountain of Seir, as far as El Paran, which is by the wilderness. ⁷ Then they turned back and came to En Mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and attacked all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who dwelt in Hazezon Tamar. ⁸ And the king of **Sodom**, the king of **Gomorrah**, the king of **Admah**, the king of **Zeboiim**, and the king of **Bela** (that is, Zoar) went out and joined together in battle in the Valley of Siddim ⁹ against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of nations, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar--four kings against five. ¹⁰ Now the Valley of Siddim was full of asphalt pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled; some fell there, and the remainder fled to the mountains. ¹¹ Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. ¹² They also took Lot, Abram's brother's son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

¹³ Then one who had escaped came and told **Abram** the Hebrew, for he dwelt by the terebinth trees of **Mamre** the Amorite, brother of **Eshcol** and brother of **Aner**; and they were allies with Abram. ¹⁴ Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. ¹⁶ So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.

¹⁷ And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him.

¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of GOD MOST HIGH. ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said:

"Blessed be Abram of GOD MOST HIGH,
POSSESSOR of heaven and earth;
²⁰ And blessed be God Most High,
Who has delivered your enemies into your hand."

And he gave him a tithe of all.

²¹ Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself." ²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, GOD MOST HIGH, the POSSESSOR of heaven and earth, ²³ that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich'-- ²⁴ except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion." NKJV

Facts revealed:

- ☆ Four kings from the North, from Chaldea to Syria joined forces against the kingdoms to the South and after defeating the kingdoms in Arabia, they turned and came toward the land of

Canaan including Sodom and Gomorrah; and the Southern confederacy was defeated by the Northern one. Lot and his family were taken captive, since they lived in Sodom. Interesting to note that “*Lot*” means “*covering*” – yet he is the one who needed a cover.

- ✧ One who escaped came and reported to Abram in Mamre (in Hebron).
- ✧ Hebron is located in the high country about 22 miles northwest of Sodom
- ✧ When Abram heard that Lot was taken captive, he armed his 318 trained servants and went in pursuit along with his allies Mamre, Eshcol, and Aner:
 - ✧ Lot was taken captive in Sodom near the south end of the Dead Sea.
 - ✧ Abram pursued the enemy as far as Dan which is at the Northern boundary of the land of Israel bordering on Lebanon and Syria, that is almost the total length of the land of Canaan.
 - ✧ At Dan Abram divided his forces and attacked the armies of the victorious Northern Confederacy and pursued them to Hobah which is north of Damascus the capital of Syria.
 - ✧ Abram’s band defeated the Northern Confederacy and brought back all the goods and the people including his brother Lot and his goods.
- ✧ The king of Sodom met Abram on his return at the Valley of Shaveh.
- ✧ Melchizedek king of Salem (Peace), Priest of El Elyon (God Most High) brought out bread and wine, and blessed Abram and said:

**“Blessed be Abram of El Elyon, possessor of heaven and earth.
And blessed be El Elyon Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.”**
- ✧ Melchizedek is an interesting person being the only person in Scripture that is described as “**King of Peace**” and “**Priest of God Most High.**” Moreover in the book of Hebrews He is again called to our attention as the model of Jesus Christ Himself whom Isaiah identifies as “**Prince of Peace.**” [Isaiah 9:6] And in Hebrews He is described as being High Priest forever without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, being like the Son of God .” [Hebrews 6:20; 7:1-3]
- ✧ Along with being identified as the “Prince of Peace” by Isaiah, Jesus is also identified as “Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek” to whom Abram paid a tithe of all he brought back.
- ✧ My conclusion of the matter is that Melchizedek was an early manifestation of God the Word Who would later be born as Son of God by Mary and be called Jesus the Christ. [John 1]
- ✧ Abram paid a tithe of all he brought back to this Melchizedek Priest of God Most High and King of Peace.
- ✧ On the other hand when it came to the king of Sodom, Abram refused to accept anything from him, saying; "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth, that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich" [Genesis 14:22-23]
- ✧ However Abram did allow his allies Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre to receive their portion.