

Genesis 14

Genesis 14.1-12

V1 – Four kings began a vicious attack on the area where Abraham and Lot were living
-Four kings: Amraphel, Arioch, Chedorlaomer, and Tidal, all from the north area (later Babylon, Persia, etc.)

V2 – **Who did they attack?** Sodom and Gomorrah and several nearby cities
-Five kings in the area made an alliance

V3 – Location: In area of Salt Sea (Dead Sea)

-**Where is the Dead Sea?**

-**Why called that?**

-Song: "There Is a Sea," #654, *Praise for the Lord*

-Dead Sea surface is 1292 feet below medium sea level – 6 miles long; 9½ miles wide

-5 times saltier than ordinary ocean water

Note: It is believed that Sodom and Gomorrah are buried in south end of the Dead Sea

V4 – **How long was the area in control of four kings?** Twelve years

V5-7 – Various conquest of Chedorlaomer

V8 – Five kings of Sodom, etc., came out for battle

V9 – Four kings against five kings

V10 – The armies of Sodom and Gomorrah lost

-**What was one cause for the disaster?** Tar pits

-They fell in (much oil in Middle East today)

V11 – Much “looting” – the four kings of the north took many captives

V12 – **Among their captives?** Lot

Genesis 14.13-16

V13 – **Who told Abraham?** A “fugitive” escapee

-vs. 13 – 1st use of term *Hebrew* – term used to designate descendants of Abraham

-Possible meaning: one from other side (of river)

-vs. 13 – Abraham had his own allies

V14 – **What was Abraham’s reaction?** Immediately got his men ready to go and rescue Lot

-**How many men?** 318 – Indicates the wealth of Abraham

-Dan – about 100 miles North of Hebron

V 15 – **How did Abraham surprise the enemy?** Divided his men and attacked at night
-Also, pursued them North of Damascus (Syria today)
-Abraham, therefore, was very successful in this battle

V 16 – **Result?** Everyone and everything was returned

Genesis 14.17-24

V 17 – **Reaction when Abraham got back?** Everyone was grateful to him (even the king of Sodom)

V 18 – **Who else met him?** Melchizedek – the priest and king of Salem (later Jerusalem)
-Salem – from Shalom = Hebrew for “peace”
-Melchizedek was a priest of the God Most High

Melchizedek:

Psalm 110.4 – Jesus a priest to Melchizedek (Aaron, from Levi)
Hebrews 5.6,10
Hebrews 6.20
Hebrews 7.1-21

V 19 – **What did Melchizedek do?** Blessed Abraham

V 20 – **Who gave Abraham the victory, according to Melchizedek?** God
-**What was Abraham’s response?** Gave 10% to Melchizedek

V 21 – **What did king of Sodom want to do?** Keep the people Abraham rescued and give all the money, etc., to Abraham

V 22-23 – **Abraham’s reaction?** No deal – you keep all that is yours
-**Why?** Abraham didn’t want to owe king of Sodom anything
-You give some people something, and for the rest of your life they bring it up to you – “I let you ride my bicycle when you wanted to ...”
-Abraham: “not beholden to anyone”

V 24 – **What was the only reimbursement Abraham wanted?** For food the men of Sodom had eaten

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