

**Series "In The Beginning...God"**  
**"War and Worship"**  
**Genesis 14:1-24**  
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**Genesis 14:14-24**

**The Bible records a great deal of history!** as **Dr. A.T. Pierson** said,  
**"History Is His story."**

**Note: War takes place when Abram is on a high point Genesis 13:18**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "The Believer's Walk Of Faith Is Ever Changing From A Spiritual War To A Time Of Worship"

- 1. Verses 1-13 Lot Captured:**
- 2. Verses 14-16 Lot Rescued:**
- 3. Verses 17-24 Abram's Meetings:**

**1. Verses 1-13 Lot Captured:**

**Genesis 14:1 And it came about in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Context** – Abram separated from his nephew Lot. There was a range war, so spiritual Abram offered the choice of land to his nephew, Lot. Lot chose for himself the Jordan Valley down to Sodom, then in Sodom. God came to Abram and repeated his covenant promise to him. **Genesis 13:18**

**Amraphel king of Shinar (Babylon/Iraq)**

The kingdom was in its baby stage, along with Persia, which is modern-day Turkey. City/States 2100-1900 BC

**Genesis 14:1** There are listed four Kings, Eastern Kings.  
In **Genesis 14:2**, there are listed **five** Kings, Sodom/Jordan.

These Four Kings of the North-Eastern region, which were city-states, had been ruling over the Five Kings in Sodom/Jordan **Genesis 14:2**,

Five Kings (Sodom) had been in subjection to the Four Kings of the Eastern paid tribute.

**Why does the Bible record these Nine Kings and this event?**

Because it involved Lot and then Abram. Records the walk of faith of Abram.

**Genesis 14:2 that they made war**

**1<sup>st</sup> Time we see the term War in Scripture:** Cain killed Abel, but this is the first time we see united people killing.

**Genesis 14:3** The area of the Dead Sea was much larger then than it is today.

**Genesis 14:4** King was over modern Iran.

**but the thirteenth year**

**1<sup>st</sup> Time we see the Number Thirteen:** 1<sup>st</sup> time it is used for rebellion.  
The meaning of the number - "rebellion, sin, and lawlessness"

**they rebelled.**

**Genesis 3**, when Adam and Eve rebelled against God in the perfect environment. Man, a rebel of God.

**Verses - 5-10 The 4 Kings Attack The 5 Kings On Their Own Turf: Genesis 14:9 four kings against five.**

**Genesis 14:10**

Five Kings outnumbered their attackers and were fighting on their own turf

**full of tar pits; (Asphalt Sea) and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and they fell into them.** Appropriate for the spiritually filthy to also become filthy outside!

**Genesis 14:11** Men fled to the hills and took the spoils, women, and children.

**Genesis 14:12 And they also took Lot, Abram's nephew,**  
Lot had chosen for himself

**and his possessions** Here is a man trying to gain the world and losing it all.

**Abram Was A Friend of God: James 2:23**

**Lot A Friend Of The World: James 4:4**

**for he was living in Sodom.** (Towards Sodom now in Sodom)  
**1 Corinthians 11:32**

**Genesis 14:13 told Abram the Hebrew**

**1<sup>st</sup> Time we see the word Hebrew: Hebrew – "The outsider"**  
*The person with no secure place in society.*

**Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven,**

## **2. Verses 14-16 Lot Rescued:**

**Genesis 14:14 When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive,**

**How do you react to those who take advantage or are misguided?**  
**Do you take pity on them? N.L.T. Galatians 6:1-2**

**he led out Or K.J.V. he armed**

Abram, sought God, and knew he had to bring back Lot and his family. When we go into battle, we had better have the right weapons.

**2 Corinthians 10:3-4**

**his trained men**, We need to be trained, **(2 Timothy 3:16-17)**  
**born in his house, three hundred and eighteen**, 1000 people that he led  
in worship.

**born in his house,**

Abram represents those born into the family of God. **1 John 5:4**

**and went in pursuit as far as Dan.** A distance of 120 miles.

**Genesis 14:15 north of Damascus.** They chased the enemy for over 100  
miles.

**He divided his forces against them by night,**  
surrounding the enemy. (Called God)

**Genesis 14:16 Did Abram rebuke Lot? Romans 2:4**

**Sacrificial service is one way of showing the love of Christ to others:**  
**Matthew 5:16 let your light shine before men**

### **3. Verses 17-24 Abram's Meetings:**

**Genesis 14:17**

**Abram is presented with two options: "Sometimes we face our  
greatest dangers after we have won a battle."**

**1. Worldly Benefits: the king of Sodom "*burning*" went out to meet  
him**

His name is **Bera** – "*Gift*"

Speaks of the world system always bargaining for our allegiance. **Genesis  
14:21**

**Worldly View of Victory Is A Human Feast:**

**Genesis 14:18**

**2. God's Blessing Divine: Melchizedek *king of righteousness* Who was  
he?**

**4 -Views**

**(1)** Theophany/Christophany

**(2)** Historical human person

**(3)** Canaanite priest

**(4)** Shem.

I believe he is a real person who was an image/illustration of Jesus our priest and king **Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 4:14-7:28 (especially Heb 7:1-28)**

### **Hebrews 7:1-10**

**Genesis 14 Historical Account – Psalm 110:4 Prophetical Account - Hebrews 4:14-7:28 - Historical/ Prophetical Explained**

**Hebrews 7:4 Now observe how great this man was** He was a real man, a real King, and a real Priest in a real City. But as far as the record is concerned, he was not born, nor did he die.

**Significance of Melchizedek lies in the fact that he was both a King and a Priest. Jesus Is Both King And Priest!**

**Jesus Christ is the King, possessing the royal birthright of David from the tribe of Judah.**

**Jesus is our Priest by divine oath (Psalm 110:4).  
Melchizedek Typified The Priest Of Jesus Christ.**

**king of Salem** *King of peace (Salem shorter form for Jerusalem)* **Psalm 76:2 His tabernacle is in Salem; His dwelling place also is in Zion.**

**brought out bread** picture of Jesus life.

Jesus is the bread of life, the staple of food. (Body/Bread broken for us)

**and wine;** Joy and Holy Spirit.

(Wine/Blood Jesus shed for us. Substitutionary Death.)

**Body/Bread, Wine/Blood results in our fellowship with God through Jesus Christ.**

**now he was a priest of God Most High** *El Elyon most high God.*

**1<sup>st</sup> time Priest in Scripture:** Only Jesus could fulfill it **1 Peter 2:9**

**Genesis 14:19** It was recognized by **Melchizedek**

That the victory was from God

**We need to see victory as coming from God.**

**Genesis 14:20** He gave him a tenth of all.

Concept of the giving of tithes which is a tenth.

Later **Genesis 28:22; Malachi 3:8-10**

Abram provides us with a good example of giving. **He brought his gifts to Jesus Christ through the person of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 7:1-10.)**

**Genesis 14:21**

**Context - Genesis 14:17** Abram now the meeting with the worldly king.

**Genesis 14:22** "I have sworn to the LORD God Most High, word **sworn**  
– *oath taking, ancient times was lifting one's hand, followed in our court system*

**Genesis 14:23** You cannot be a servant of God and a celebrity in the world at the same time. Elisha refusing a gift of Syria **2 Kings 5:16**

**for fear you would say, 'I have made Abram rich.'**

Abram was blessed by God alone.

**Genesis 14:24** "I will take nothing Legally, Abram had every claim to the spoils; but morally, they were out of bounds.

**let them take their share."**

Did not expect the heathens to live to the same standards

### **Application:**

1. In Our Walk Of Faith, Things Can Change Quickly. Worship May Lead To War, Victory May Lead To The Temptation To Take The Glory And Covet Worldly Goods.
2. God Graciously Delivered Lot A Prisoner From The Enemy. Lot Yet Again Moved Back To Wicked Sodom. **Romans 2:4**
3. Like Abram We To Need To Be Witnesses In The World's Court But Not The Prosecuting Attorney.