

Genesis

14

I Thought I Could

Recap

- God created **order and systems**
- Rebellion
- Abram had to lie about his wife

Summary

The book of Genesis establishes **fundamental truths** about God:

- His role as the Creator
- His holiness
- His hatred of sin
- His love for mankind
- His willingness to provide for our redemption

The War

Genesis 14:1-10

1At the time when Amraphel was king of Shinar, a Arioch king of Ellasar, Kedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of Goyim, 2these kings went to war against Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboyim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). 3All these latter kings joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Dead Sea Valley). -Genesis 14:1-4

The War

Genesis 14:1-10

8Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboyim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) marched out and drew up their battle lines in the Valley of Siddim 9against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goyim, Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five. 10Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits, and when the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some of the men fell into them and the rest fled to the hills. -Genesis 14:8-10

When the king of Sodom and the king of Gomorrah lost terribly and their cities were taken captive by their enemies...

Who do you think was also taken captive?

**What would you have done if your family member was
taken captive?**

What do you think Abram did?

The text says:

13. A man who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshkol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram.

14. When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan.



THE GREAT SEA

(Mediterranean Sea)



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Abram's Character

Lot thought he could

**What do we do when we thought we could...
we thought we were ready, didn't listen and wind up in a
mess?**

Prodigal Son

David Anointed King

And Lot moves back to Sodom

Melchizedek

18Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, 19and he blessed Abram, saying,

**“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**20And praise be to God Most High,
who delivered your enemies into your hand.”
Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.**

Who else do we know who shared bread and wine?
What do you think that means?

Melchizedek, as priest, did two things. He blessed Abram and he blessed God. Melchizedek showed that a priest must connect with both God and man and has a ministry to both God and man.

Abram gave unto the LORD and he did it through giving to Melchizedek a tithe of all. This referred to one tenth of his assets.

Generosity and Service

21The king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself.”

22But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the Lord, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, 23that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the strap of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, ‘I made Abram rich.’ 24I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me—to Aner, Eshkol and Mamre. Let them have their share.”

I will take nothing.

Lest you should say, I have made Abram rich.