

Berwyn Church of Christ: Genesis Study

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Connecting Scriptures/Thoughts	<u>Genesis 14 & 15</u>
First recorded war in the bible: kings of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboim and the king of Bela rebelled against Chedorlaomer and the kings in his alliance. They paid tribute 12 years before rebelling. V 12 The kings of Sodom and Gomorrah lost, an many POW's were taken including Lot and his family. V13-16 someone escaped, told Abram and he organized 318 fighting men, slit his forces captured back Lot and kinsmen during a night raid/attack.  Seems to be a different Abram after what happened in Egypt, and for 25 years it was. Strong, decisive and a follower of God. V18 seemingly out of nowhere we are introduced to an OT King/Priest of God. Melchizedek. Psalm 110:4 Hebrews 7:1-3	[1] In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, [2] these kings made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). [3] And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). [4] Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. [5] In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, [6] and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the border of the wilderness. [7] Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh) and defeated all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazon-tamar.[8] Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim [9] with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five. [10] Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. [11] So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. [12] They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.[13] Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. [14] When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. [15] And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. [16] Then he brought back all the possessions, and

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Bursts on the scene/ prefigure of Christ. Salem means Peace in Hebrew.

V 18 could be precursor to the Lord's supper, Melchizedek and Jesus are the only two to be priest and king, (Melchizedek physically and Jesus Spiritually)

V21-24 Sometimes rich people want more money, more recognition Abram is growing does not desire to gain more wealth.

Philippines 2:3-8 just as he let Lot take the better land, he was selfless in pursuit to save Lot and help. Also respectful to the blessing of Melchizedek.

We know Abram will not be perfect but he is growing.

15:1-4 Abram doubts that God will be able to keep his promise, already planned another way around.

15:5-6 God reiterates the promise, Abram believes God: Shield, reward great, son promised, offspring numerous. Abram was righteous because he believed God!

V8 Abram asked for proof and God instructs him to offer a sacrifice. Afterward another vision, this one not as rosy.

They will become slaves in a foreign land, 400 years be afflicted before God will judge this nation, before the promised land is inherited.

Exodus 6:6
Exodus 7:4
Exodus 12:12

also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.[17] After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). [18] And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) [19] And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; [20] and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. [21] And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself." [22] But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, [23] that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.' [24] I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share." (ESV)

Genesis 15: God's Covenant with Abram

[1] After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." [2] But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" [3] And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." [4] And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." [5] And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." [6] And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.[7] And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." [8] But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" [9] He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." [10] And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. [11] And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

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V15 You will live long, die at an old age, peacefully.

V16 Amorites prophecy connected to Egyptian bondage prophecy.

God allowed idolatry for 400 years, was long suffering for 400 years, let his chosen people live in bondage for 400 years before He brought judgement on the Amorites and Canaanites.
Joshua 24:8

Deuteronomy 9:4-5 Lord's Why!
Don't let Israel get too prideful!

1 Kings 21:26 Ahab compared to Amorites.

[12] As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. [13] Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. [14] But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. [15] As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. [16] And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

[17] When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. [18] On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, [19] the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, [20] the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, [21] the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites." (ESV)

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