

Called to *Rescue*

Genesis 14:13-20



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13 Then a fugitive came and told Abram the Hebrew. Now he was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and these were allies with Abram. 14 When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.



Genesis 14:

15 He divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. 16 He brought back all the goods, and also brought back his relative Lot with his possessions, and also the women, and the people. 17 ¶ Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him



Genesis 14:

at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).
18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. 19 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." He gave him a tenth of all.

Rebellion

- Abram THE HEBREW 1st time
 - Long walks and altars (12:8; 13:4,18)
 - Intrigue and adventure
 - War breaks out and Lot is taken
 - “Oh well, serves him right...?”

Daily duties...

- Abram hears of the attack
 - Fugitive brings news... personal need
 - ‘Abram heard, led’
 - 318 ‘trained men’
 - Willing to risk to save...right!

Battle for Lives

- Split forces – 318??? Gideon too!
- Attacks, defeats, pursues – beyond...
- All the 'goods' of the land
- All of Lot's people and belongings
- Restoration and life!

2 Kings

- Kings of Sodom... he had lost!
 - Tries to compromise Abram (21)



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21 The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give the people to me and take the goods for yourself." 22 Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have sworn to the LORD God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth, 23 that I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, for fear you would say, 'I have made Abram rich.'

2 Kings

- Kings of Sodom... he had lost!
 - Tries to compromise Abram (21)
 - It had worked with Lot!
 - Victories and defeats... too easy!
 - I have sworn...

Who is your God???

- Lord God – Jehovah Elohim
- Most High – El Elyon
- Possessor/creator/founder
- Heaven and earth

The 'Other King' ...

- Brings Abram an 'offering'
 - *Bread and wine???* *Hmmmm*
 - Priest of El Elyon – *Shalem*
 - 'Blessed be GOD of Abram...'

My King...

- Comes when you are weary
- Teaches of the True God
- Anticipates the subtle 'war' – 'Sodom'!
- Will wait upon your 'response' ...

A close-up photograph of a wooden cross. The cross is made of two wooden planks, with the vertical plank painted a vibrant red. The background consists of several vertical wooden planks of varying shades of grey and brown, showing natural wood grain and some texture. The lighting is dramatic, with the red cross standing out against the darker wood.

JESUS SAID
COME
FOLLOW ME