

MELCHIZEDEK BLESSES ABRAM

Genesis 14:1-24

Lesson 7b

Key verse 14:19,20

"And he blessed Abram, saying, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And blessed be God Most High who delivered your enemies into your hand.' Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything."

*THE BATTLE OF THE KINGS (1-12)

1. Who was Kedorlaomer and what was his position in the political structure of that region? Where was his kingdom? Who were his allies? Why did he go to war?

2. How extensive was Kedorlaomer's campaign as described in verses 5-7?

(Look at a map if possible.)

3. Who were the kings allied with Bera king of Sodom? Where did the big battle between the 4 kings and the 5 kings take place? Who won? What was the result to the defeated cities?

***ABRAM'S WAR (13-16)**

4. How did Abram get involved in this war? Why do you think he went to rescue Lot?

What does this teach about him? What can we learn from him?

5. Look at a map and try to find the extent of this war. Who were Abram's allies?

Describe Abram's military campaign. What does this reveal about Abram?

6. What was the outcome of the war? How might Abram's involvement in this conflict have changed his relationships with the Canaanites? What temptations might this victory present to him?

***ABRAM MEETS TWO KINGS (17-24)**

7. Who were the 2 kings that came to meet Abram after he returned from defeating Kedorlaomer? How were they different? In what respect do they represent two alternative life directions before Abraham?

8. How is Melchizedek described? What did he bring? What is the significance of this?

9. How did he bless Abram? What did he teach Abram about God? About his recent great victory? Why was this important for

Abram at this time?

10. How did Abram respond to Melchizedek's blessing? What does this mean?

11.What did the king of Sodom suggest about the disposition of the spoils of war?

What were the only material goods of Sodom

which Abram used?

12.What reasons did Abram give for refusing to keep any of the material goods of

Sodom for himself? What does this reveal about his faith?