

## **“Abraham Fights for His Family”** Genesis 14

There will always be challenges in life. Difficulty brings growth and change.

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ came to the Jordan Valley** (the first recorded war in Scripture)
1. \_\_\_\_\_ city-states (Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboiim, Zoar) located on the plain of Jordan, revolted against the \_\_\_\_\_ city-states further to the East, that had conquered them \_\_\_\_\_ earlier. The more powerful kingdoms of Shinar, Ellasar, Elam, and Goiim, were not happy that their \_\_\_\_\_ stopped, so they launched a full-scale invasion. **V.1-9**
  2. The fighting was brutal with many men, \_\_\_\_\_, horses, and even kings being pushed into and being trapped in \_\_\_\_\_. **V.10**
  3. Survivors of the war fled for their lives into the \_\_\_\_\_, while cities were wasted, and thousands were marched off into \_\_\_\_\_. Abraham’s \_\_\_\_\_, and his family were captured. **V.11-13**

## **II. Abram was \_\_\_\_\_ for battle.** (The Hebrew, descended from Eber)

1. When he got the news of his nephew’s fate, Abraham had to act because of \_\_\_\_\_ for family. Are you willing to fight?
  2. He had \_\_\_\_\_. **V.13** Eccl. 4:9-10 You need them, too.
  3. He had \_\_\_\_\_ men, who would fight for him, out of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(318) **V.14** Are you \_\_\_\_\_ to fight?  
Can you \_\_\_\_\_ yourself? Eph. 6:10-18
- A. Everyone needs a large \_\_\_\_\_. Mt. 16:17-19
  - B. Our Enemy, the Devil, \_\_\_\_\_ with an unrelenting obsession. He is the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ and kidnapper. 1 Peter 5:8
  - C. He and his demonic forces, will take \_\_\_\_\_ of you, will steal what is rightfully yours, and will strike you at your \_\_\_\_\_, in order to cripple and \_\_\_\_\_ you. John 10:10
4. Abraham was chosen as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the coalition. Why?
    - A. He acted \_\_\_\_\_.
    - B. Trailed the kidnappers for a \_\_\_\_\_.
    - C. He did the unconventional, and \_\_\_\_\_ his forces.
    - D. He launched the attack \_\_\_\_\_. **V.15**
    - E. He pursued his enemies for an additional \_\_\_\_\_  
(N. of Damascus) until his enemies were completely \_\_\_\_\_.
    - F. Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ his nephew and many others. **V.16**

5. Abraham won a battle that he should have never won, all because he was a \_\_\_\_\_ James 2:23, 1 John 4:4, Romans 8:31, 8:37

### III. Abraham encounters a \_\_\_\_\_ King

1. After Abraham returned from battle, he was met by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_, the King of Sodom ("burning") offered Abraham all the spoils from the war, in return for all the captives that had been freed. **V.21** It was a \_\_\_\_\_ offer, and Abraham had to be careful how he chose.
  - B. Melchizedek means, "king of \_\_\_\_\_." He was a Priest and King from the city state of Salem (\_\_\_\_\_ meaning peace) Jerusalem is still the \_\_\_\_\_ important place on Earth. Jer. 3:17, 1 Kings 11:36, Ps. 135:21, Zech. 14:3-4
  - C. The offer of \_\_\_\_\_, was an ancient offer of peace, and an offer of relationship. **V.18** The Eternal Priest and King, JESUS, still makes the same offer today. Lk 22:15-20 (Do not take Communion unless you have accepted HIS Offer of forever \_\_\_\_\_)
  - D. Hebrews 7:1-10 gives us a clue that this magnificent ruler might have been a Theophany, or \_\_\_\_\_, an appearance of CHRIST in the Old Testament. Josh. 5:13-14, Gen. 32:22-32
  - E. Abraham offered \_\_\_\_\_ of all that he had to this super being, out of gratitude, and as an act of \_\_\_\_\_. **V.20**, Malachi 3:8-12  
\* Do you see the connection: of this first example in Scripture of the 10% being holy, of \_\_\_\_\_, of worship, and \_\_\_\_\_?
  - F. Abraham chose not to profit from the \_\_\_\_\_ of other people's hardship. He allowed his \_\_\_\_\_, Aner, Eschol, and Mamre, to make their own decision about the spoil. **V.22-24**
  - G. Abraham apparently \_\_\_\_\_ the captives, and gave them an opportunity to come with him. Sadly there is no indication that any of them \_\_\_\_\_. They went back to \_\_\_\_\_. Most likely they all \_\_\_\_\_ in the destruction of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Genesis 19
  - H. This Supernatural King, Melchizedek \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham, and said, **Blessed be Abram, GOD Most High, Possessor of Heaven and Earth. And blessed be GOD Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand."** **V.19-20**