

GENESIS CHAPTER 14

1 And it came to pass in the reign of Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, that Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations, 2 made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, and with Shinab, king of Adamah, and with Shemeber king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela, (that is, Zoar). 3 All these met with one accord at the Salt Valley; this is now the Salt Sea. 4 Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and the thirteenth year they revolted.

5 And in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer came, and the kings with him, and they cut to pieces the giants in Ashteroth, and Karnaim, and strong nations with them, and the Emim in the city of Shaveh Kiriathaim. 6 And the Horites in the mountains of Seir, to the terebinth tree of El Paran, which is in the desert.

7 And having turned back, they came to the Well of Judgment; this is Kadesh, and they cut to pieces all the princes of Amalek, and the Amorites dwelling in Hazezon Tamar.

8 And the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrhah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, (that is, Zoar) went out, and they set themselves in battle array against them for war in the Salt Valley, 9 against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of nations, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, the four kings against the five. 10 Now the Salt Valley consists of slime pits. And the king of Sodom fled and the king of Gomorrah, and they fell in there. And those that were left fled to the mountain country. 11 And they took all the cavalry of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and departed. 12 And they also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, and his possessions, and departed, for he dwelt in Sodom.

13 And one of them that had been rescued came and told Abram the Hebrew; and he dwelt by the oak of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eschol, and the brother of Aner, who were confederates of Abram. 14 And Abram, having heard that Lot his nephew had been taken captive, numbered his own home-born servants, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued after them to Dan. 15 And he came upon them by night, he and his servants, and he struck them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. 16 And he recovered all the cavalry of Sodom, and he recovered Lot his nephew, and all his possessions, and the women and the people.

17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him, after he returned from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and the kings with him, to the valley of Shaveh; this was the plain of the kings.

18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth loaves and wine, and he was the priest of the Most High God. 19 And he blessed Abram, and said, "Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, who made heaven and earth, 20 and blessed be the Most High God, who delivered your enemies into your power." And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the men, and take the horses to yourself."

22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I will stretch out my hand to the Lord, the Most High God, who made the heaven and the earth, 23 that I will not take from all your

goods, from a string to a sandal strap, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.' 24
Except what things the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men that went with
me, Eschol, Aner, Mamre, these shall take a portion."