

The Throne of Grace

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression

Gen. 14:1 ¶ In the days of Amraphel (Hammurabi - 2081 BC) king of Shinar (babylon), Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim,

Gen. 14:2 these kings made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar).

Gen. 14:3 And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea).

Gen. 14:4 Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

Gen. 14:5 In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim (giants LXX) in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim,

Gen. 14:6 and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the border of the wilderness.

Gen. 14:7 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.

Gen. 14:8 ¶ Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim

Gen. 14:9 with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five.

Gen. 14:10 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.

Gen. 14:11 So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way.

Gen. 14:12 **They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.**

Lot - Gen 13:12 (tents as far as); Gen 9:1 (in the city)

you who are spiritual should restore him

Gen. 14:13 ¶ 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.

Gen. 14:14 **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.

Gen. 14:15 And **he divided his forces** against them by night, he and his servants, **and defeated them** and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus.

318 - judges 7:1-8 (by God not man)

Mark 2:1-5 faith of Abraham

in pursuit - James 5:19-20 (brings back sinner)

in a spirit of gentleness

Gen. 14:16 Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman **Lot with his possessions**, and the women and the people.

Lots possessions - John 7:53-8:11 (how do legalists respond to the failings of others?)

how should we? we receive grace - 2 Cor 1:3-4

and we obey grace - 2 cor 5:16-21 - ambassadors of justifying and sanctifying grace

keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted

Gen. 14:17 ¶ 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).

Gen. 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out **bread and wine (first mention)**. (He was **priest (first mention)** of God Most High.)

Gen. 14:19 And he blessed him and said,

"Blessed be Abram **by God Most High,**

Possessor of heaven and earth;

Gen. 14:20 and blessed be God Most High,

who has delivered your enemies into your hand!"

¶ **And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.** (*he recognized him as a king and true priest of his God*)

Gen. 14:21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself."

Gen. 14:22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand to the LORD, **God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth** (*learned from Melchizedek*),

Gen. 14:23 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.'**

Gen. 14:24 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."

lest you should say - jude 21-23 (mercy with fear)

two kings - Abraham chose to serve at the throne of grace

Melchizedek - Implication/Application

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Intro:

Cain's sarcasm illustrates one of the greatest dangers in our individualized American experience of Christianity - Gen 4:8-10 - apathy

our mission is to make disciple-making disciples through the personal investment of our lives - the most dramatic words of this statement are easy to overlook in our apathetic culture - personal investment -

do we really believe that people matter? that the people around us matter? The church must reflect this fact in an obvious way (video)

Problem:

if one member suffers we all suffer - 1 Cor 12:12-26

what does this look like?

main idea - Gal 6:1

Abraham is our object example of the fact that...

at the throne of grace we are not only comforted we are commanded

Main Idea:

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Implication:

but what really happened with Melchizedek the king of righteousness and peace coming from nowhere bringing bread and wine in contrast to the worldly king of Sodom? What is really going on?

Jesus is the greater Melchizedek - Ps 110:1-4

He is the greater high priest - the greater Melchizedek - Heb 5:5-6:20

but He serves at a throne - Heb 4:14-16

in a temple - Isaiah 6:1

because His work at the altar is complete - Heb 10:11-14

He is the true priest king of grace and peace - Heb 7

Application:

It makes sense Abrahams actions were approved by the king - Rom 5:6-11 (Abraham illustrates what Melchizedek typifies: the throne of grace)

we come to the throne of grace for comfort - we leave with a command - Jn 15:12-13

the question is - will you obey

Articles for further study

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Melchizedek.html>

https://www.barabbas.com/wp-content/notes/fitting_hebrews_7.pdf