

THE INVASION
(Genesis 14:1-24)

- I. The ATTACK of the Northeastern KINGS (Gen. 14:1-12)
 - A. The FIVE-nation coalition of SODOM, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboiim, and Zoar (14:2-4)
 - 1. Paid TRIBUTE for TWELVE YEARS
 - 2. REBELLED in the THIRTEENTH
 - B. The FOUR-nation coalition from the NORTHEAST (14:1, 5-9)
 - 1. LED by Chedorlaomer of Elam
 - 2. ATTACKED the rebel nations in the FOURTEENTH YEAR
 - C. The KINGS of Sodom and Gomorrah FLED (14:10)
 - 1. The primary concern of the WICKED is THEMSELVES
 - 2. Lot's SAFETY did NOT lie with those KINGS
 - D. The most ATTRACTIVE features of Sodom and Gomorrah were either STOLEN or DESTROYED (14:11)
 - E. LOT was TAKEN CAPTIVE (14:12)
- II. The RETALIATION of ABRAM (Gen. 14:13-16)
 - A. Received a REPORT from a REFUGEE (14:13a)
 - B. Mustered Abram's ARMY (14:13b-14)

1. Accompanied by ALLIED forces
 2. Gathered 318 of his servants, ARMED and TRAINED for war
- C. Launched a SURPRISE attack (14:15-16)
1. ROUTED the enemy
 2. Recovered the CAPTIVES and the GOODS
- III. REWARDS Offered (Gen. 14:17-24)
- A. BLESSING from the “King of RIGHTEOUSNESS or PEACE” (14:18-20)
1. Described as a priest of “GOD MOST HIGH,” superior to AARON
 2. Demonstrated superiority to ABRAM by BLESSING him
 3. Recognized as superior by ABRAM’S paying him TITHES
 4. Provided BREAD and WINE (cf. Lk 22:19-20)
- B. REWARDS from the king of SODOM (14:17, 21-24)
1. Offered Abram ALL of the GOODS he’d recovered
 2. Was REFUSED by Abram-
- IV. The IDENTITY of Melchizedek (cf. Ps. 110:4; Heb. 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:1-21)
- A. Possibly a LOCAL priest/king who DISAPPEARS from history
- B. Hebrew tradition says he was SHEM
- C. Probably the PRE-INCARNATE CHRIST (Heb. 7:3 with Dan. 3:25; Heb. 7:4 with Gen. 18:1-2)