



“Abram’s Courage and Melchizedek’s Purpose”

9/1/24 Text: Genesis 14:1-24

I. A battle of nations (vs. 1-12)

A. A brief historical summary of the nations (vs. 1-4)

“Four kings” (from the northeast)	“Five kings” (from the west)
Shinar	Sodom
Ellasar	Gomorrah
Elam	Admah
“nations”	Zeboiim
	Bela (Zoar)

B. Rebellion of the vassal nations (vs. 5-9)

C. Sodom and Gomorrah defeated; Lot captured (vs. 10-12)

II. Abram’s courageous rescue plan (vs. 13-16)

A. Abram’s army (vs. 13-14)

B. Abram rescues Lot (vs. 15-16)

III. Sodom’s gratitude (vs. 17, 21-24)

A. King of Sodom offers Abram riches (vs. 21)

B. Abram refuses any gifts/riches from king of Sodom (vs. 22-24)

IV. Melchizedek, king and priest (vs. 18-20)

A. Melchizedek blesses Abram (vs. 18-20)

B. Abram offers a tithe to Melchizedek (vs. 20)

V. Melchizedek’s place in God’s kingdom

A. Tithing principles are foreshadowed (Lev. 27:30-33)

B. Royal and priestly offices of Christ are foreshadowed (Ps. 110:1-4)

C. Melchizedek is a “type” of Christ (Heb. 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:1-28) Hebrews 7:20-25 - *And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath* ²¹ (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him:

“The Lord has sworn

And will not relent,

‘You are a priest forever

According to the order of Melchizedek’ ”),

²² by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.

²³ Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. ²⁴ But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Next Week’s Sermon Text: Genesis 15:1-21

If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Application Questions: Why was Lot referred to as Abram’s “brother”? What title of God is repeatedly mentioned in Melchizedek section (vs. 18-20)? Why did Abram give a tithe to Melchizedek? To whom were tithes to be offered according to Mosaic Law? What is the significance of Melchizedek being both a priest and a king? How did Melchizedek point forward to Christ? How was Jesus better than Melchizedek?

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