

Operation Lot

Genesis 14:1-24

Introduction

I The Players

- A. The kings of the East
- B. The kings of the South

II The Conflict

- A. The Southern kings had been subjugated for 12 years
 - 1. They rebelled in the 13th year - Ezek 17:14-15
- B. The Eastern kings launched a punishing assault
 - 1. They defeated everyone who opposed them - 2 Sam 21
- C. The Southern kings drew up battle lines
 - 1. In the valley of Siddim which was full of tar pits

III The Outcome

- A. The Southern kings were routed
 - 1. Some fell into tar pits
 - 2. The rest fled to the hills
- B. Lot and his possessions were carried off - Jer 2:17

IV The Rescue

- A. Abram was informed of Lot's capture - Prov 17:17
- B. Abram went in pursuit of Lot's captors - Ps 34:19
 - 1. He divided his men and attacked at night
 - 2. He routed and pursued them as far as Hobah - Zech 4:6
- C. Abram recovered what had been lost
 - 1. Lot and his possessions - Rom 5:6-8; Gal 1:3-5
 - 2. The women and the other people - Col 1:13-14

V The Reception

- A. The king of Sodom came out to meet Abram - Prov 27:21
- B. Melchizedek, king of Salem also met him - Heb 5:1-10
 - 1. He brought bread and wine
 - 2. He was priest of Most High God - Ps 110:4
 - 3. He pronounced blessings:
 - a. He blessed Abram by God Most High - Ps 115:15

- b. He blessed God Most High - Ps 33:16-19; 44:3
- C. The king of Sodom's request:
 - 1. Give me the people, but keep the goods for yourself

VI The Response

- A. Abram gave a tenth of everything to Melchizedek - Mal 3:8f
- B. Abram refused the king of Sodom's offer:
 - 1. He accepted nothing belonging to him - Is 42:8
 - 2. He refused to be indebted to him - Dan 5:17
- C. Abram accepted only the share that belonged:
 - 1. To the men who went with him - Rom 14:5-6
 - 2. To Aner, Eshcol and Mamre - Prov 3:27

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. Share a time when you were rescued from a dangerous situation.
2. Consider the progression of Lot's life. He began by disobeying God by going with Abram (Gen 12:1), then quarreled with Abram (13:8), then camped near Sodom (13:12), then moved into Sodom (14:12), then eventually became a POW (14:12). Take a moment to consider the spiritual parallels and the consequences of spiritual compromise.
3. What does Abram's response to Lot's capture tell you about Abram's character? Did Lot deserve to be rescued? How is this rescue mission a foreshadowing of Christ's work of redemption? [Rom 5:6-8; 1 Pet 3:18; Gal 1:3-4; Col 1:13-14]
4. What is the significance of Melchizedek? Who do you think he is? What does he offer Abram? What does Abram offer him? How can you personally apply what you have discovered?
5. Is there some sort of "mess" you've gotten yourself into? Cry out to God right now, repent of your sin and ask Him to deliver you. Pray through Psalm 34 and take time to once again yield your life to your Great High Priest, Jesus Christ.

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