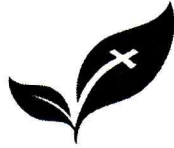


Gen 14:22
El Elyon (Most High God)

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1. Introduction

- a. Gen 14:1-2 War between several city states in fertile crescent & those in Jericho plain (Salt Sea/Dead Sea) [Jordan River plain]
- b. Gen 14:12-14 Lot taken captive
 - Abram organizes rescue party
 - Gen 14:16 Lot rescued successively
- c. Gen 14:17-18 Both King of Sodom & Melchizedek King of Salem come out to meet Abram on his return
- d. Gen 14:22 Abram's meeting with both kings
- e. Surrounding culture of many false gods
 - name El Elyon = Most High God
 - Most High God - there is none higher
 - Possessor of heaven & earth - God owns heaven & earth
 - * no other false god can claim this

2. Abram's Fearless Faith (14:14-15)

- a. Abram lived among terebinth trees at Mamre
 - allied with Eschol (brother of Anor) the Amorite cities
 - * Gen 14:13, 24
- b. Abram armed 318 trained servants
 - pursued band as far as Dan (Galilee region)
 - fought battle at night & won
 - further chase to Damascus

3. Abram's Amazing Victory (14:16)
 - a. He rescues Lot from defeated attackers
 - b. He also captured complete spoils of war
 - northern Euphrates River city alliance initially won war in Jordan River plain (14:11)
 - Abram then rescues Lot & all the spoils of war (14:16)
4. Abram's Meeting with Jordan River plain Alliance (14:17)
 - a. King of Sodom (Bera) meets Abram in Valley of Shaveh (Kings Valley now under Dead Sea)
 - b. Defeated cities come out to meet new victor
5. Abram & Melchizedek Worship
 - a. Melchizedek king of Salem
 - Salem means peace
 - also priest of Most High God
 - imagine worship center Salem (now present day Jerusalem)
 - b. Melchizedek brought bread & wine out to Abraham down in Valley of Shaveh
 - same as elements of Communion (Lord's Supper)
 - c. Abram gave tithe (10%) to Melchizedek
 - Heb 7:1-2
 - Abraham gave offering (tithe) to God's work (priest)
 - d. Melchizedek (as priest) gave prayer of blessing to both God & Abram
6. Abram Resists Temptation (14:21-24)
 - a. Abram resists king of Sodom's reward
 - b. Abram only received from God's people
 - c. Abram would not be self enriched
 - d. Abram to king of ~~Sodom~~ Sodom to give his reward to Abram's allies