

Prelude to the Battle of 9 Kings (Cont.):

- Chedorlamoer is High King of the Region
- Canaanite Kingdoms Rebel
 - o Initial Rebellion is Put Down
 - o (Kingdoms of Zeboim/Bela Split)
- Canaanite Kingdoms Gather Again for a Decisive Battle in the Siddim Valley (Dead Sea)
- Canaanite Treasure and Citizens Taken as Spoils of War, Including Lot (Sodom)

The Rescue of Lot (Gen. 14:13-16):

- Survivor Goes to Abram for Aid
- Rallies 318 Household Servants (Military Training)
- Defeats Chedorlamoer and Returns with Lot
- Abraham Tithes to Melchizedek (Cf. Heb. 6:20)
 - o Melchizedek Offers Bread & Wine

The Covenant Walk (Gen. 15):

- Abraham Sacrifices Many Animals in a Figure 8 Pattern
 - o “Barath” (To Cut a Covenant)
 - o Fidelity for Protection
- Abraham is Put to Sleep/God Undertakes the Promise
 - o Commitment of the Promised Land to Abraham
 - o Announces Egyptian Slavery for 400 Years
 - o Will Return to Canaan in Wealth

The Recognition for Faith and Faithfulness (Gen. 17):

- Visitation by God and 2 Angels
- Prepared a Lavish Fellowship Meal
- Names Changed (Included the H Sound)
 - o Signifying the Presence of the Spirit of God
 - o Sari-Sarah (“Princess” – “Queen” / “Noblewoman”)
 - o Abram-Abraham (“Exalted Father” – “Father of a Multitude”)
- Circumcision Instituted for all People of the Covenant
- Abraham Bargains to Protect Lot’s Family

Sodom & Gomorrah (Gen. 19 Cf. Luke 17:29):

- 2 Angels Investigate Sodom (Lot Offers Hospitality)
- Citizens form a Rape Gang
- God’s Judgement Consumes Both Cities (Lot’s Wife)
- Lot’s Daughters: Amalekites & Moabites

God's Wisdom vs. Human Wisdom:

- Ishmael (Son of Hagar)
 - o Human Wisdom/Works/Doubt (Flesh)
- Isaac (Son of Sarah)
 - o God's Wisdom/Grace/Faith (Spirit)
 - o Cf. Gal. 3:17; 4:22-31

The Offering of Isaac (Gen. 22):

- A Test of Faith (Note: An Angel Accused Abraham)
- A Three-Day Journey to a Mountain Top
- V.8 "God himself will provide..." (CSB)
 - o Faith counted as righteousness (Rom. 4:3)
 - o The just Shall live by faith (Heb. 10:38; 11:17-19)
- Example of God's Faithfulness and His Desired Level of Dedication from Humanity (His Children)
- The Angel Admits Abraham's Faith
- The Sacrifice is Provided (Place Named)
- God Confirms His Covenant in Isaac's Hearing
 - o Prediction of Joshua's Victories (v.17)
- Wording Indicates Isaac Traveled Another Way from Abraham

A Bride for the Son (Gen. 24):

- The Father Sends an Unnamed Servant to Find a Bride from Among His Kindred (Selected)
 - o Presumably Eliezer from Gen. 15:2
- The Servant Persuades the Bride (Rebekah)
- The Bride Voluntarily Agrees and Covenants in Joy
- The Servant Offers Gifts to the Bride
- The Offered Son Returns to the Narrative Just Prior to when He is United with His Bride (v. 62-67)
 - o Beer Lahai Roi
"The well of the Living One seeing me"

For Discussion:

- Share Reading and Journal Highlights.

Consider Along with the Bible:

- What Were You Like Before Christ?
- What Are You Like Now?
- What Impact Have/Are You Making on Others?