

“THE ORIGIN OF EVERYTHING”

“THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF CREATION, CORRUPTION AND COVENANT”

PART 30

“A HISTORIC SUMMIT IN THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS”

“The Virtues and Values of the Man of Faith”

(Genesis 14:1-15:1)

INTRODUCTION:

THE PATH AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE LIFE OF FAITH:

1. We have learned that the pilgrim life is **problematic**. For faith is often **followed** by **famine**. Faith is always **tested**.

- The life of faith is one of **dependency, trusting** God **completely** in spite of **uncertainty** and in the face of **adversity**.

2. We have also learned that the pilgrim life is a **paradox**. For we are, at the same time, the most **permanent** people here and the least **attached**.

- The life of faith... is one of **generosity, seeing** things **differently, holding** things **lightly**, and **sharing** things **freely** in light of **His Sufficiency** and in view of **eternity**.

- The life of faith... is also one of _____, _____ God's purpose
_____ and _____ God's glory _____.

1A. A _____ INVASION AND ITS _____ (14:1-12)

1B. The _____ in this International Conflict (v. 1-3)

“And it came about in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, that they made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar).”

2B. The _____ of this International Conflict (v. 4)

“Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but the thirteenth year they rebelled.”

3B. The _____ of this International Conflict (v. 5-11)

“In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim and the Zuzim in Ham and the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, and the Horites in their Mount Seir, as far as El-paran, which is by the wilderness. Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and conquered all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, who lived in Hazazon-tamar...”

4B. The _____ in this International Conflict . (v. 12)

“They also took Lot, Abram’s nephew, and his possessions and departed...”

2A. A _____ RESCUE AND ITS _____ (14:13-16)

“When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ...He brought back all the goods, and also brought back his relative Lot with his possessions, and also the women, and the people.”

3A. A _____ SUMMIT AND ITS _____ (14:17-24)

“ Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley). And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High.”

—Genesis 14:17, 18

“And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.”

—Hebrews 5:8ff.

CONCLUSION:

*“After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying,
‘Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you;
Your reward shall be very great.’”*

—Genesis 15:1