

## Genesis 14

- 1) What fact makes the “battle of the kings” significant in Bible history?
- 2) Elam descended from Shem. The people of Sodom descended from Canaan. What prophecy (from Genesis 9) is at least partially fulfilled by Elam subjugating and conquering Sodom?
- 3) Why did Abram get involved in this conflict? Did he hope to preserve the way of life in Sodom and Gomorrah?
  - a. How does this story show that Abram was not a grudge holder?
  - b. How prepared was Abram for this conflict? What suggests that Abram was knowledgeable in stratagems of war?
  - c. Who were Abram’s allies?
  - d. According to Melchizedek, whose help did Abram have in achieving this victory?
  - e. How many other wars did Abram fight?
- 4) Who was Melchizedek?
  - a. What did Melchizedek do for Abram and his men, and what did Abram do for Melchizedek?
  - b. What more do we learn of Melchizedek from Hebrews 7:1-4?
  - c. What use does the Hebrew writer make of Melchizedek in proving the superiority of the priesthood of Christ over the Levitical priesthood? (*may need to read Hebrews 7:1-10*)
- 5) What did the king of Sodom offer to Abram and how did Abram respond to the offer? What is the possible reason?