

ABRAM SAVES LOT

Old Testament Lesson #9

The four kings from the region of Babylonia (bab-e-LO-ni-a) decided to fight against the five kings of the region of Sodom, where Lot and his family had chosen to settle. The cities of the Sodom region were defeated and made to pay tribute for 12 years. In the 13th year, they rebelled.

King Kedorlaomer (ked-or-la-O-mer) was the leader of the armies from Babylonia. His armies had conquered many peoples, and in the 14th year, stronger than ever, they returned to fight the five kings from the region of Sodom again. The army from the region of Sodom lost again, but this time, King Kedorlaomer and his people took all they could. They took the people captive and confiscated the food and goods of Sodom and Gomorrah. Among the captives were Lot and his family.

One of the people who had escaped came and told Abram. Abram took 318 trained men from his house and hurried to rescue Lot. They pursued the attackers and totally defeated them. Abram recovered all the stolen goods and rescued Lot and the other people.

After the battle, as Abram passed near the city of Salem, he was met by Melchizedek (mel-KIZ-e-dek), who was king of Salem and a priest of "God Most High." Melchizedek brought out bread and wine and pronounced a blessing upon Abram. Abram then gave him a 10th of everything.

The king of Sodom offered Abram a reward, but Abram refused it. He didn't want him to be able to say that he had made Abram rich, taking glory from God. Abram kept himself separate to God and depended only upon God.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- Once Lot was in Sodom, he found that the land that had looked so good was actually full of trouble, even war.
- Salem later became known as Jerusalem. "Salem" means "peace."
- The name Melchizedek means "king of righteousness."

Abram gave Melchizedek a 10th of everything because he was God's priest.
Melchizedek is referenced in Psalm 110:4.

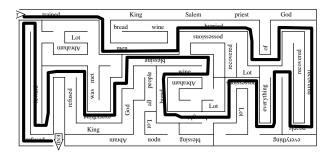
Melchizedek is referenced in Psalm 11
Hebrews 7 refers to the priesthood of
Melchizedek as a model for the priestly
function of Jesus.

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- I. Babylonian kings fought against kings from Sodom.
 - A. Lot lived near Sodom.
 - B. The Sodom region was defeated and paid tribute for 12 years.
 - C. Then the region rebelled.
- II. The Babylonian armies won again.
 - A. This time they took people captive, including their possessions.
 - B. Lot and his family were captured.
 - C. Abram learned about Lot's problems and sent armies to help.
- III. Abram's armies rescued Lot.
 - A. Everything was recovered.
 - B. Melchizedek blessed Abram, and Abram gave him a 10th of everything.
 - C. Abram refused a reward from Sodom and depended only on God.

ANSWER KEY:

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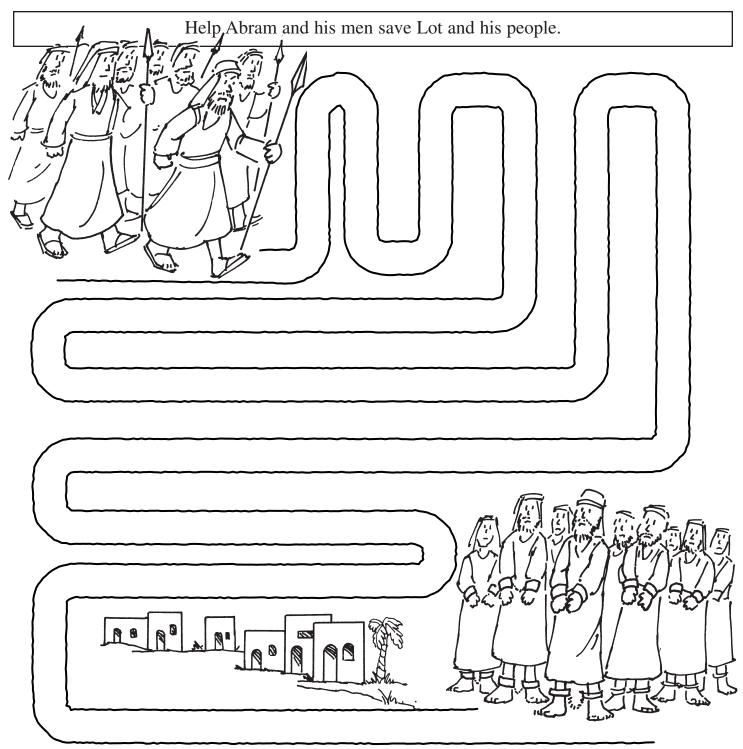
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