

God's Crucible

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Genesis 14

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Romans 15:4: *For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

1. Abraham the Watcher

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- 1st recorded war of Scripture
- Why didn't 5 kings defeat 4 kings?
 - Didn't know own land 14:10
 - Soft unprepared lifestyle Eze 16:49-50
- Lot: Prisoner of War - His slide into trouble Psalm 1:1; 2 Pet 2:6-8
 - looked at Sodom 13:10
 - moved toward Sodom 13:11-12
 - now lived in Sodom 14:12
 - conformed to the word Rm 12:2
 - condemned w/ world 1 Cor 11:32

2. Abraham the Warrior

13-16

- His approach to the world (lessons to be learned)
 - Didn't entangle himself until Lot...
 - Separated, but not isolated
- His preparedness
 - Soldiers born in his house (14) 1 Jn 5:4
 - Armed & ready (14) Eph 6:17
 - Trained (14) 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:3-8
 - Trusted Leader 1 Jn 5:3
 - United w/ specific goals 2 Tim 2:4

3. Abraham the Worshiper

17-24

- Always be prepared for another battle (Josh 7; 1 Kings 19)
- We must often choose between world & righteousness
 - Bera (gift)— Sodom(burning) Eph 2:1-3
 - Melchizedek(king of righteousness) — Salem(peace) Heb 7; Psa 110
- Abraham honored God thru Melchizedek: Tithe
 - Tithe: 10%; Lev 27:30-35; Deut 12:5-19; 26:12-15; Gen 28:22
 - Abraham brought gifts to Savior God in the person of Melchizedek
 - Abraham was prompt in his giving 1 Cor 16:1-2; 2 Cor 8-9

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