

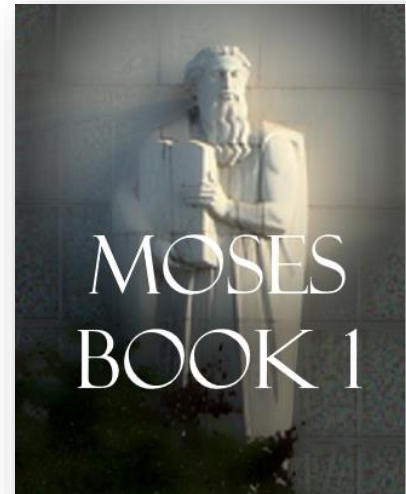
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In this chapter, Abram, with alliances made rescue his nephew Lot; later chapters will include the birth of Isaac (chapter 21), the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah (chapter 24) the death of Abraham as well as the birth of Abraham's grandsons Esau and Jacob (chapter 25); and all the numerous [promises of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob](#) which are nationalistic promises still being fulfilled by their descendants, heirs of those promises scattered throughout the world in our 21st century,

Abram saves the day and rescues Lot,



¹ And it happened in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim;

² that these 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, (which is Zoar).

³ All these were allied in the Valley of Siddim, (which is the Salt Sea).

⁴ Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

⁵ And in the fourteenth year, Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, came and attacked the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim,

⁶ and the Horites in their Mount Seir, as far as El-paran, which is by the wilderness.

⁷ The they returned, and came to En-mishpat, (which is Kadesh), and attacked all the country of the Amalekite, and also the Amorite, living in Hazazon-tamar.

⁸ And went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar); and they arranged together in battle in the Valley of Siddim;

⁹ against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, and Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar -- four kings against five.

¹⁰ Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and some fell into them; but those who survived fled to the mountains.

¹¹ Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their food, and departed.

¹² And they also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, and his possession, and departed since he lived in Sodom.

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13 And one who escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew.

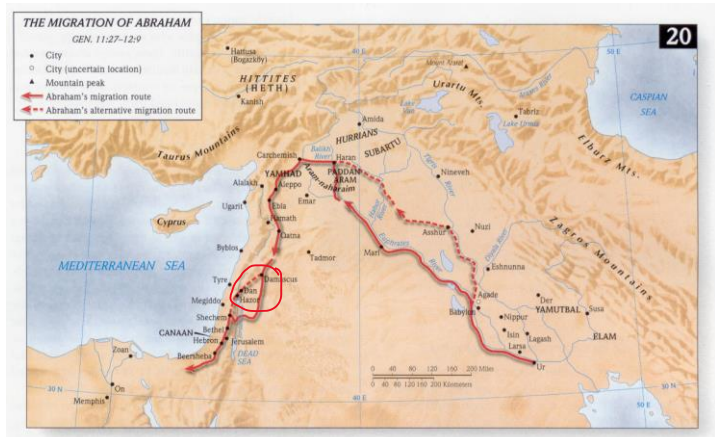
Now he was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these lords allied with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that his kin was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his house, three hundred-eighteen, and pursued them as far as Dan.

15 And he divided against them his forces by night, he and his servants, and attacked them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus.

16 So he brought back all the goods, and also his kin Lot with his possessions, and brought as well the women and the people,

17 and went to meet the king of Sodom after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him at the Valley of Shaveh, (which is the king's valley).



A Blessed High Priest who walked with the Lord,

18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine: since he was priest of God Most High.

19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth:

20 and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.

And he gave him a tenth of all.

/ isn't it interesting, in chapter 10 we learned much about all the firstborn sons of Ham and Japheth, but of Shem we first learn of Eber, one of his great-grandsons born to Arpachshad (Shem's 3rd son), whose lineage includes Abraham; we also learn of Aram (Shem's 5th son) and his 3 sons; but of Elam, Asshur and Lud (Shem's 1st, 2nd and 4th sons we know nothing); Melchizedek, the priestly king could have come from any of Shem's sons; and based on nothing, most likely was one of Shem's faithful grandsons. Only In eternity will we finally know, whose lineage of Shem's 5 sons... Melchizedek came from.

Whoever Melchizedek was, obviously Abram greatly respected him.

How long were the Israelites in Egypt?

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²¹ And said the king of Sodom to Abram, Give me the people, and take the goods for yourself.

²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the possessor of heaven and earth / Abram already made a pledge to the Lord,

²³ that I will take nothing, not even a thread or shoestring, or anything that is your, lest you say, I made Abram rich;

²⁴ except only what the young men have eaten; and the portion of the men who went with me, Aner, Eschol, and Mamre: let them take their portion.

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