

From the Beginning: “A Priest of Righteousness”

Genesis 14:14-20

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“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Genesis 3:15

I. Abram rescues a captured relative. (Genesis 14:8-16)

1. The battle of revenge. (vs 8-9)
2. The battle threatens God’s promise. (vs 10-16)

II. Abram is blessed by a priest of God Most High. (Genesis 14:17-20a)

1. The introduction of a King and Priest. (vs 17-18)
2. The blessing from the King and Priest. (vs 19-20a)
Genesis 12:1-3

III. Abram tithes to a priest to God Most High. (Genesis 14:20a; Hebrews 7:1-10)

1. God gave Abram the victory. (Genesis 14:20b)
2. God gave a greater emphasis on the One yet to come. (Hebrews 7:1-3)
 - (1) “Righteousness” means to be right with God.
 - (2) The “peace” that Christ brings is both the removal of hostility and a state of being.
3. God blessed Abram by someone greater than himself. (Hebrews 7:4-10)

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him. Who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9

LET’S GO DEEPER:

1. Genesis 14:17-20 deals with the person Melchizedek. Read Hebrews 7 for more information. Who do you think he was? Why is God revealing him to us?
2. What does the New Testament have to say about Abram (Abraham)? How is he an example to us? Use cross-references to get your answers.
3. Where else in Genesis is Abraham’s faith commended?
4. How is Genesis 14 a powerful reminder that with God on our side, we can overcome any obstacle and emerge victorious, as did Abram?