

Genesis 14:17-24

A King of a Different Order

Contending with rulers ...

- I. The Original Mystery King
 - A. Abram Among Rulers

 - B. A King out of Nowhere
- II. The Reality Behind the Mystery
 - A. David Before His Lords

 - B. A Scepter on Zion
- III. The Mystery Revealed
 - A. Son of God

 - B. King of Kings

... keeping His people.

Children, Listen ...

1. What mysterious king did Abram meet?

2. Earthly kings and rulers come and go. How is our King Jesus different?

3. How does it give you comfort to know that Jesus is alive and ruling as everlasting King of Kings and Lord of Lord?

The Priest/King's Cameo

When a famous actor shows up for a brief scene in a movie or play it is called a cameo appearance. We might say the reverse is true for Melchizedek, only this is no screenplay. He appears out of nowhere in a scene in Genesis. He is given one line, and then he simply disappears out of the picture. We might not give him a second thought were it not for David and the writer of Hebrews. He becomes "famous" only because of his association with our Lord as spelled out in Psalm 110 and Hebrews 5-7. Though his role is somewhat obscure, it turns out that it is profoundly significant. This mysterious King of righteousness, peace and this priest of the Most High God is a type of Christ. Now, with the help of a Psalm and a New Testament Old Testament commentary, we can make the connection. Whenever we read Genesis 14, we will never look at Melchizedek the same. We may not be able to completely solve the puzzle of who he was, but we will know a little more about what he was all about. More importantly we will look at Jesus the everlasting King of righteousness and peace, who subdues us to Himself, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all His and our enemies. And who serves as our sympathetic heavenly Priest.