



“Security”

Only the Eternal can be Eternally Secure
Genesis 14:1-12

Remembering what is:

I. (the) Empire - “they served Chedorlaomer” (vs. 1-4)

It is about how it:

- A. Constructs** – “these made war”
- B. Conducts** – “all these were joined together”
- C. Consists** – “thirteenth year they rebelled”

II. Excellence – “smote the Rephaims..Zuzims..Emims” (vs. 5-10)

Daniel was considered to have an excellent spirit = wisdom and integrity in an extraordinary way.

It is not always accompanied with :

- A. Notoriety** – “Zuzims in Ham”
- B. Numbers** - “joined battle...four kings with five”
- C. Novelty** - “vale of Siddim was full of slimepits”

III. Essential - “ And they took all...and went ” (vs. 11-12)

It is not holding on to:

- A. Property** – “And they took all the goods of Sodom”
- B. Palates** – “and all their victuals”
- C. People** – “And they took Lot”

Conclusion: Matthew 6:33 ..what is important

Sentence Sermon:

“ Worldly gains and losses are temporary but God’s riches and kingdom are eternal.”

Additional Verses

- **Daniel 2:15, 24-25**
- **Hosea 2:8-9**
- **Ecclesiastes 9:2**
- **II Corinthians 6:17**
- **Revelation 18:4**
- **Deuteronomy 2:10, 20**
- **Joshua 15:13**
- **Genesis 19:18-21; 23:19-20; 35:27**
- **II Peter 2:8**
- **Matthew 6:33**

The Rephaim = giants

- **Job 26:25**
- **Proverbs 2:18; 9:18; 21:16**
- **Isaiah 14:9; 26:14**

Questions to Ponder:

- 1. Why do you think this was the first war God chose to record in the scriptures?
- 2. Describe the valley of Siddim? What would a battle look like in such a place?
- 3. Why do you think the five kings rebelled? What gives you that idea?
- 4. Who are the good guys in the battles found in the passage?
- 5. Why do you suppose that Chedorlaomer is given the top billing of his alliance?
- 6. Why was Lot found at home and not on the battlefield?
- 7. What interest would the enemy have in taking Lot?

INTRO: What Types of Security are there?

- Church
- Financial
- Emotional
- Social
- Job
- Relational
- National
- Home
- Eternal

V. 1

- And it came to pass = after several years of quiet and security
- In the days of = A certain time in history that is relatively short
 - Amraphel king of Shinar = “sayer of darkness” “bad news” king of Babylon
 - Arioch king of Ellasar = “lion like” name of Nebuchadnezzar’s chief executioner; Ellasar = a town in Babylonia
 - Chedorlaomer king of Elam = “handful of sheaves” perhaps one of the first kinds of Pharaohs or Ceasars; Elam = “eternity” a province east of Bablyon

- Tidal king of nations = “great son” Chief of nomadic tribes and an ally of Chedorlaomer; nations = “Goim” Swarm of heathen people

V. 2

- Made war = produced a battle
- With = against
 - Bera king of Sodom = “son of evil” ; Sodom =” burning”
 - Birsha king of Gomorrah = “with iniquity” ; Gomorrah = “submersion”
 - Shinab king of Admah = “splendor of the father”; Admah = “red earth”
 - Shemeber king of Zeboim = “lofty flight”; Zeboim = “gazelles” city in the plain surrounding Sodom and Gomorrah
 - King of Bela, which is Zoar = “destruction”; Zoar = “insignificance” city north of Sodom and used by Lot as place of refuge “irrelevant?” Genesis 19:18-21

V. 3

- All these were joined together = were in a league together
- In the vale of Siddim = lowland of the valley found by the Dead Sea
- Which is the salt sea = there was sure to be salt in any wounds suffered in a battle there

V. 4

- Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer = the five kings had been conquered by the leader of the four kings and had been paying tribute to him
- In the thirteenth year they rebelled = first occurrence in scripture of the number 13 and begins its association throughout scripture with rebellion....They rebelled as a group by refusing to pay tribute and swear allegiance.
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V. 5

- And in the fourteenth year = a whole year passed while they may have believed they had “gotten away with it.”
- Smote the = slay or attack and destroy
 - The Rephaims = the giants, linked to the spirit of the wicked dead...perhaps demon fueled tribes
 - Zuzims = “roving creatures” perhaps related to the Zamzummin “powerful ones” who were possibly connected to the Anakins = giants.
 - Emims = “terrors” or terrible ones...also probably giants

V. 6-7

- And the = the continuation of the conquest
 - The Horites = “cave dwellers”
 - South of Dead Sea; Sier = “hairy or shaggy”
 - Notice the reoccurrence of “all the”
 - The Amalekites = “people of lapping”
 - The Amorites = “a sayer”... a dispossessed people group
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V. 8

- And there went out = they went to battle together
- All five of the kings in rebellion
- They joined battle with them = they prepared to attack and do battle with

V. 9

- All the same 4 kings against the 5 kings in rebellion

V. 10

- The vale of Siddim had slimepits = tar pits or asphalt... The Dead sea = The Salt Sea = The Asphalt Sea
- Kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fell there = **they died of salt in the wound and it was the pits.**

V.11

- They took = snatched away
- All the goods = Notice the “all” again = property and riches
- All their victuals = Food
- Went their way = were GONE

V. 12

- And they took Lot = He was snatched away
 - Abram’s brother’s son= connection to the promise and the ownership of the land
 - Who dwelt in Sodom = much closer connection than previously disclosed
“towards” became “dwelt in”
- And his (Lots) goods = “all????”
- And departed. = same words as verse 11 ...GONE gone !!