## "Of Kings and Priests" (Genesis 14:1–24)

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## The Further Relevance of This Text

- 1) Abram's Valor as the Man of Faith: God's promised blessing should move us to selfless courage rather than self-preservation.
- 2) Abram's Wisdom as the Man of Faith: Beware compromising entanglements with godless benefactors.
- 3) Abram as a Type of Christ: Jesus the Heir of Abraham fought to redeem us from our guilty captivity.
- 4) Melchizedek as a Type of Christ: Jesus our righteous King is also the Priest through whom we have peace with God.