

“The Genesis Fourteen Plot” – The War between Two Factions “The Ancient Adversary” – The Light Side VS the Dark Side

(Isa 14:12 KJV) “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!”

Word in Season

Preface: The Genesis Fourteen Plot

The Days of Lot VS the Days of the Son of Man

The following study entitled “**The Genesis Fourteen Plot**” is premised on types and shadows of actual events during the “**Days of Lot.**” Consider that there is a prophetic overlay in scripture of the “**Days of Noe,**” and the “**Days of Lot**” with the “**Days of the Coming** (Parousia, i.e., presence) **of the Son of Man**” (Matthew 24:37,38 and Luke 17:28-30). Therefore, we feel spiritually confident that this scenario of the “**two warring factions**” in Genesis 14 will prove to be a “**word in season**” during these “**last days**” as the Days of the Coming of the Son of Man.

Social Lessons

If believers are able to accept the above premise, they will find themselves being enlightened spiritually and prophetically on the present conflict in our society between a faction on the **Left** and a faction on the **Right**. The **Left** is clearly represented by the “Five Kings,” of the cities of the plains, principally Sodom and Gomorrah. This faction stands for political permissiveness, lawlessness and social disorder finding avenues of expression through sensuality and immorality. Conversely, the faction on the **Right** as represented by the **Four Kings of Babylon**, stand for political law and order based on accepted social standards of morality which are rooted in religion. Therefore, the uprising of the **Five Kings** of the cities of the plains was considered as **rebellion** by the **Four Kings of Babylon**. The rebellion was tolerated briefly and then resulted in an open conflict wherein the **Five Kings** were subdued by the **Four Kings**. The **Social Lessons** will again be proven true that political Law and Order based in religious morality will eventually prevail over social upheaval.

Prophetic Lessons

We believe the above scenario as being played out in our society in real time will prove to be prophetic. Please consider the ongoing controversy of our day between the faction on the **Left** and the faction on the **Right**, considering Bible Prophecy. According to the prophetic scriptures, this present controversy will end with the faction on the Right subduing the faction on the Left ending in the future reign of “**Mystery Babylon**” (**Rev 17**) as joined to “**Babylon the Great**” (**Rev 18**). However, this will prove to be a tyrannical political, commercial, and religious system identified in scripture as **666**.

(Rev 13:18 KJV) “Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.”

Spiritual Lessons

The **Social Lessons** and **Prophetic Lessons**, as stated above, may seem controversial and provocative to some, but may well prove to be “**a word in season.**” However, please consider

the more important **Spiritual Lessons** that lie hidden in the vortex of this scenario. **Abraham**, dwelling in the Promised Land, remained spiritually separated from the faction on the **Left** and the faction on the **Right**. However, Lot and his family separated from Abraham and moved down into Sodom and Gomorrah and became entangled, both socially and politically, with the system on the **Left**. As the conflict erupted between the **Five Kings** on the **Left** with the **Four Kings** on the **Right**, Lot became a captive of the Kings of Babylon. Abraham and members of his household had to ride to Lot's rescue. The Spiritual Lesson is clear that believers will be wise to remain separate from both the **Left** and the **Right** factions and continue looking up for their redemption. Believers need to anticipate being received by the Lord in the air and escaping through the open door during the **Days of the Coming of the Son of Man!** (**Proverbs 4:27 KJV**) "Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil."

The Light Side – “Spiritual Wickedness”

(Invisible)

Sun God Baal

Moon Goddess Astheroth

The Fallen Host of Heaven (Zodiac)

(Visible)

The Four Kings reigning over the Provinces of Babylon (Amraphel, Arioch, Chedorlaomer, Tidal)

Political – Religious – Commercial

Order – Control – Morality - Traditions

“Days of Abraham and Lot”

(Gen 14:1 KJV) “And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations;”

The First King of Ancient Babylon – Darkness

1. **King Amraphel:** H569. 'Amraphel, am-raw-fel'; of uncert. (perh. for.) der.; Amraphel, a king of Shinar:--Amraphel. (*Grace and Glory define King Amraphel – “Darkness”*)

Province- Shinar: H8152. Shin'ar, shin-awr'; prob. of for. der.; Shinar, a plain in Bab.:--Shinar. Land of Shinar.

(Scriptures relating to Shinar)

(Gen 10:10 KJV) “And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of **Shinar**.”

(Gen 11:1 KJV) “And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.”

(Gen 11:2 KJV) “And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of **Shinar**; and they dwelt there.”

King Amraphel of Shinar – Darkness

Note: For Spiritual darkness or wickedness to reign over the world system there must first be a suppression of the true light by rulers in high places. These rulers hold down or suppress the truth from those in subordination. The agenda of “the god of this world” is to blind the minds of men from the true light and gradually replace it with the false light which is the “greater darkness.”

(Matthew 6:23 KJV) "But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, **how great is that darkness!**"

See Special Study "[Which Translation is God's Word?](#)"

(Rom 1:18 KJV) "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold (hold down) the truth in unrighteousness;"

(Eph 6:12 KJV) "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the **darkness** of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Suppression of the True Light:

1. God as the Great Creator from the Beginning- Genesis 1:1
2. The Great Gap of time- The Fall of Lucifer See Special Study "[Great Gap of Time.](#)"
3. God as Great Creator- (Six Day Creation) See Special Study "[The Seven Millennial Days.](#)"
4. Lord God as the Great Redeemer
5. The Light of Prophecy- Promise of the First Advent
6. The Word Made Flesh- The Light of the World
7. The Light of the Gospel- The Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ
8. The Light of the Heavenly Kingdom- Church
9. The Light of the Earthly Kingdom- Israel
10. The Light of Prophecy- The Seventh Day as the Day of the Lord See Special Study "[Millennial Day Principle.](#)"
11. The Blessed hope- Church See Special Study "[Order of the Resurrection.](#)"
12. The Millennial Reign- Israel See Special Study "[Mystery of His Will.](#)"

The Second King of Ancient Babylon – Lion Like and Servant of the Moon God or Goddess

2. King Arioch: H746. 'Aryowk, ar-yoke'; of for. or.; Arjok, the name of two Babylonians:-- Arioch. (Grace and Glory – "Lion like" & "Servant of the Moon God or Goddess")

Province- Ellasar: H495. 'Ellacar, el-law-sawr'; prob. of for. der.; Ellasar, an early country of Asia:--Ellasar. (Grace and Glory – A Province of Babylon)

Ancient Babylon

Note: The emblem of Ancient Babylon was a Lion with Eagle's Wings. The religion of Ancient Babylon from the Tower of Babel was the worship of the "god of this world" through the false worship of the Sun, Moon and Stars under the religion of Astrology. The origin of Babylon has "deep roots" from Isaiah 14 where Lucifer fallen became the original King of Babylon in the invisible and the visible. Since the restoration of the six- day creation and the fall of the couple in the Garden of Eden, he has tried to replicate his kingdom in the visible by linking the two realms and excluding the true light of the Lord God as creator or redeemer. We see his handprint expressly at the Original Kingdom of Babel followed by the Ancient Kingdom of Babylon and the Gentile Kingdoms that followed: Medo-Persian Empire, Grecian Empire and the fourth and final Roman Empire.

See Special Study chart "[Times of the Gentiles.](#)"

Following the rejection of their Messiah and the “diaspora” of Israel, the Ephesus Church thwarted the Roman Empire in achieving its goals of ushering in a counterfeit kingdom. Satan has sought to thwart the restraint by the Church through the “apostasy.” Because of the “times of restoration” this restraint will hinder the final Counterfeit Kingdom from being unveiled until the Church has been evacuated.

See Special Study “[Seven Good Years.](#)”

This counterfeit kingdom will rise out of the sea in Rev 13 as John’s Beast as a Lion with Eagle’s Wings and will be replicated prophetically in the last days as “Mystery Babylon” Rev 17 and “Babylon the Great” Rev 17 & 18. It will include all of the Kingdoms of this World, i.e., the head was a Lion (eagle’s wings), the body will be that of a Leopard and the feet of the Bear.

(Scriptures – The Kingdoms of this World at the First Advent)

(Mat 4:8 KJV) “Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;”

(Mat 4:9 KJV) “And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.”

(Scriptures – The Kingdoms of this World at the Second Advent)

(Rev 11:15 KJV) “And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”

(Rev 13:1 KJV) “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.”

(Rev 13:2 KJV) “And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”

The Mystery of Christ and His Church

Christ and the Church as seated in heavenly places by faith and by provision has Thwarted – The reign of Lucifer/Satan through the Church Age

(1 Cor 15:32 KJV) “If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus.”

The book of Ephesus sets forth the high and heavenly calling of the Church once delivered unto the saints. The Apostle Paul stated in 1 Corinthians 15:40-41, that the Church in their heavenly callings appear as the sun glory, moon glory and star glory. As such they have been seated in heavenly places by faith and provision through the Church age until they take that place physically on the Day of the Lord. This has not been without controversy from the invisible government of Satan, which is also seated in heavenly places.

See Special Study “[1st, 2nd, 3rd Heavens.](#)”

See Special Study “[Invisible Kingdom of Darkness.](#)”

The Master Plot Against the Church

Hence the “god of this world” began to plot the apostasy of the Church in a “fall from Ephesus” and their heavenly calling (sun, moon, and stars) beginning at the Early Church with Ephesus down to the Latter Church as Laodicea.

See Special Study “[Church Seated in the World.](#)” He seduced them to settled for a visible kingdom on earth and give up looking for the coming (Parousia) of the Lord to receive them up through the open door into heavenly places.

See Special Study [“Progressive Coming of the Lord.”](#)

The Final Plot of Lucifer/Satan Against Mankind

Prophetically the Lion (with eagle’s wings) represents the final reign of “Babylon the Great” (Rev 18) as head of the New World Order in union with the Harlot Church (Rev 17) as the ‘Moon Goddess.’ Together they worship and serve the invisible host, i.e., Sun God Baal, the Moon Goddess Ashtaroth (Queen of Heaven) and the fallen “host of heaven” represented by the Zodiac. This union will demand that all receive a mark in their forehead or right hand in order to buy or sell or they will be killed. Those who receive the mark will be doomed eternally. No true born-again believer, remaining on earth at that time, will take this mark. It is impossible to lose their salvation, but they will likely lose their lives.

The Third King of Ancient Babylon – Binding the Sheaves

(Gen 14:4 KJV) “Twelve years they served **Chedorlaomer**, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.”

3. King Chedorlaomer: H3540. Kedorla'omer, ked-or-law-o'-mer; of for. or.; Kedorlaomer, an early Pers. king:--Chedorlaomer. (*Grace and Glory – “Binding the Sheaves”*)

Province- Elam: H5867. 'Eylam, ay-lawm'; or ` 'Owlam (Ezra 10 : 2; Jer. 49 : 36), o-lawm'; prob. from H5956; hidden, i.e., **distant**; Elam, a son of Shem, and his descend., with their country; also of six Isr.:--Elam. 5956. 'alam, aw-lam'; a prim. root; **to veil from sight, i.e., conceal** (lit. or fig.):-- X **any ways, blind, dissembler, hide (self), secret (thing).**

(Grace and Glory- “High, Secret and concealed”)

(The Mysteries of Babylon counterfeiting the Twelve Mysteries of God)

See Special Study [“Twelve Mysteries of God.”](#)

Note: The True God as “Everlasting”:5769. 'owlam, o-lawm'; or 'olam, o-lawm'; from H5956; prop. concealed, i.e., the vanishing point; gen. time out of mind (past or fut.) from eternity; always:-- always (-s) from ancient (time. 5956. 'alam, aw-lam'; a prim. root; to veil from sight, i.e., conceal (lit. or fig.):-- X any ways, blind, dissembler, hide (self), secret (thing).

The Mystery of Iniquity

(2 Th 2:7 KJV) “For the mystery of iniquity doth already work.”

Note: The final agenda of Lucifer, “the light side,” as the “god of this world” will be achieved by merging political and commercial Babylon with the Mystery religion of Babylon – Revelation 17. This agenda has “deep roots” back to the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11. This mystery religion from the Tower of Babel prevailed over the Kingdom of Babylon of Daniel’s day and the successive empires including the great Roman Empire. It found an expression in the Holy Roman Empire as the Roman Catholic Church, a marriage of Mystery Babylon of old with Christendom. The hidden agenda of **Chedorlaomer**, a powerful religious leader who represents the false prophet, has been achieved during the Church Age through the working of the “spirit of anti-Christ” and the agenda of many “anti-christs.” **“Binding of the sheaves”** into religious folds under the headships of religious leaders and then through sleight of hand, subverting Christendom from the “twelve true mysteries of God” (i.e., the building of the “invisible church”) unto fables or the “false mysteries of Babylon” (i.e., the building of the visible church.)

See Special Study [“Twelve Mysteries of God.”](#)

Having accomplished this goal, the “god of this world” will then merge the visible Church as the Great Harlot and her daughters of Rev 17 with political Babylon and commercial Babylon forming “Babylon the Great” of Rev 18.

(2 Timothy 4:4 KJV) “And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto **fables**.”

(2 Peter 1:16 KJV) “For we have not followed cunningly devised **fables**, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.”

Fables: 3454. muthos, moo-'thos; perh. from the same as G3453 (through the idea of tuition); a tale, i.e., fiction ("myth");--fable. 3453. mueo, moo-eh'-o; from the base of G3466; to initiate, i.e., (by impl.) to teach;--instruct. 3466. musterion, moos-tay'-ree-on; from a der. of muo (to shut the mouth); a secret or "mystery" (through the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites);--mystery.

(2 Cor 11:14 KJV) “And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”

(2 Cor 11:15 KJV) “Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”

The Fly in the Ointment

(Eccl 10:1 KJV) “Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour.”

The “**fly in the ointment**” will be a remnant in the Church who will discern the agenda of the adversary and prevail with the Lord for the “times of restoration.” These “times of restoration” will enable the heavenly ranks of the True Church to escape the snare of the adversary and ultimately escape through the “open door.”

See Special Study “[Spirit Storm](#)” and “[Seven Good Years](#).”

The Fourth King of Ancient Babylon – A Type of the “Man of Sin”

4. King Tidal: H8413. Tid'al, tid-awl'; perh. from H1763; **fearfulness**; Tidal, a Canaanite;--Tidal. H1763. dechal, (Chald.), dek-khal'; corresp. to H2119; **to slink**, i.e., (by impl.) to fear, or (caus.) **be formidable**;--**make afraid, dreadful, fear, terrible**. 2119. zachal, zaw-khal'; a prim. root; to crawl; by impl. to fear;--**be afraid, serpent, worm**.

(Grace and Glory – “Cast out from above”)

Province – King of Nations: H1471. gowy, go'ee; rarely (short.) goy, go'-ee; appar. from the same root as H1465 (the sense of massing); a foreign nation; hence a Gentile; also (fig.) a troop of animals, or a flight of locusts;--Gentile, heathen, nation, people.

Description by the Apostle Paul

(2 Th 2:3 KJV) “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that **man of sin** be revealed, the son of perdition;”

(2 Th 2:4-7 KJV) “Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.”

The Lord Jesus Christ (The God/Man) the Antitheses of the man of sin

(Mat 4:8-10 KJV) “Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

The Two Sons of Perdition

First Advent- Judas Iscariot – The Tribe of Judah

(John 17:12 KJV) “While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.”

Second Advent- The “Man of Sin” – The Tribe of Dan?

(2 Th 2:3 KJV) “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.”

Old Testament Prophecy of the Tribe of Dan

(Gen 49:17 KJV) “Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.”

The “He” of Daniel 9:27

(Dan 9:27 KJV) “And **he** shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations **he** shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”

The Rise of the “Man of Sin”

After the spiritual restraint of the Invisible Church is removed, by rank and order (I Thess 4:16-18). Satan, as the Great Red Dragon will be cast out of the heavens to the earth. He will incarnate himself into the "Man of Sin" who will be revealed in “his time,” according to 2 Thess 2:3-4. His revelation will follow the great military conquest of many Middle East Countries, including Israel, as detailed in Daniel chapter 11. The great “falling away” in Christendom will be manifested through the second Beast, as the False Prophet, symbolized as a Lamb, (Rev 13:11-18). He will preside over the union of the “Man of Sin,” as head of the First Beast (Rev 13:1-10) in a marriage to the Harlot religious system, seated on the seven continents. This union will result in the rise of a fifth world empire comprised of all the kingdoms of this world as described as the four beasts in Daniel chapter seven. This empire will be Western, Judeo-Christian and Babylonish, as headed by a Lion, presumably, with eagle wings. It will have a body of a Leopard and the feet of a Bear with an over-all reptilian appearance of Daniel's fourth beast. This empire will endeavor to enslave all mankind under a political, religious and commercial system (666) becoming “Babylon the Great,” (Revelation 18) in union with Mystery Babylon (Revelation 17). This system headed by the two personages in Rev 13 as a Lion and a Lamb will attempt to counterfeit the Messianic Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, as promised through the nation of Israel. Because this fifth world empire will be an attempt to usurp the true Messianic Kingdom, promised under Israel, it will reign for only 42 months before meeting with divine judgment, as described in Rev 19.

See Special Study [“Threefold World Apostasy.”](#)

The wicked Couple of Ahab and Jezebel (I Kings 19) – The Great Tree of Babylon – (Daniel 5)

This wicked couple typified in the Old Testament as “Ahab” and “Jezebel” will use fear mongering and threats from without and from within with the intent of increasing dependency of the populace upon the system who will be seeking asylum and order after the chaos. Subjects will be invited under the protection of their branches with the guarantee of all their needs as long as they abide under their shadow of their wings by requiring them to receive the “Mark of the Beast 666.” This couple will plot to annihilate the Nation of Israel with their Messianic heritage and promise of a

Messianic kingdom. They will deem them as a threat to their aspirations, perhaps after the appearance of the Star of David as the sign of the Son of Man coming in power and great glory.

The Judgment of Jezebel as the Harlot Church

This religious system comprised of the Mother (Roman Catholic Church) and her daughters (the Mainline Protestant Denominational Churches) will reign as a queen but will come under judgment according to Rev 17. God will put it in the hearts of the Kings to hate her and burn her with fire. (Rev 17:16 KJV) "And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire."

The Judgment of Ahab as the "Man of Sin"

The Man of sin and the False Prophet will come to their end when the Lord himself appears in His glory and kingdom. The brightness of His coming will bring them both to their end. They both will be cast alive into the Lake of Fire.

(2 Th 2:8 KJV) "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:"

(Rev 19:20 KJV) "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image."

The "Dark Side Plot"

The Five Kings of the Cities and their rebellion have been designed to create a necessary "back drop" of immorality so the Church, because of the apostasy, would readily embrace the "light side" of the adversary ushered in by the Four Kings of Babylon. They will offer a panoply of morality as a basis for a counterfeit Kingdom in the place of the true Kingdom of God so that the church would accept it and find themselves trapped.

The Five Kings of the "Wicked" Cities of the Plains (Bera, Birsha, Shinab, Semeber, Bela) Sensuality and Immorality – Ruling through the Five Senses of Fallen Man

The "Last Days" and "Perilous Times"

(2 Tim 3:1-5 KJV) "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

(Gen 14:2 KJV) "That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Semeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar."

The First King of the "Wicked" Cities of the Plains

1. King Bera: H1298. Bera', beh'-rah; of uncert. der.; Bera, a Sodomitish king:--Bera.

(Grace and Glory - "In the Evil")

Holman Dictionary: BERA (Bee' ruh) Personal name perhaps meaning, **"with evil" or "victory,"** i.e., **victory through evil.** King of Sodom in days of Abraham and Lot (Gen 14:2). He joined coalition of local kings against group of invading eastern kings.

City of Sodom: H5467. Cedom, sed-ome'; from an unused root mean. **to scorch; burnt** (i.e., volcanic or bituminous) district; Sedom, a place near the Dead Sea:--Sodom. (Grace and Glory –“Fetter and to scorch or burn with fire.”)

Note: King Bera (A type of the greater adversary Satan) who has “fettered” fallen mankind so that they can never walk before the Lord or do His will. He further seeks to “fetter” and control mankind through overt sins that dominate weakened fallen flesh leading them into bondage and the condemnation to Hell.

See account in Judges 1:5-6 Adoni-bezek Grace and Glory “Lord of Fetters”

Holman’s Bible Dictionary: ADONI-BEZEK (ad' oh ni-beh' zek) Personal name meaning, "lord of Bezek," Bezek being a place name meaning, "lightning" or "fragments." Canaanite king of Bezek. Tribe of Judah defeated him and cut off his thumbs and big toes, a sign of humiliation, before taking him to Jerusalem. There he died (Judges 1:5-7). See Bezek.

Holman Bible Dictionary

SODOM AND GOMORRAH: (sah' dahm, Gah mohr' rah) Place names of uncertain meaning. Two cities in Palestine at the time of Abraham. Sodom and Gomorrah were among the five "cities of the valley" (Gen. 13:12; 19:29; KJV, "plain") of Abraham's time. Exact locations are unknown, but they were probably situated in the Valley of Siddim (Gen. 14:3,8,10-11) near the Dead Sea, perhaps the area now covered by the Sea's shallow southern end. Lot moved to this area, eventually settling in Sodom (Gen. 13:10-12; 14:12; 19:1).

Sodom and Gomorrah were renowned for their wickedness (Gen. 18:20). Despite Abraham's successful plea (18:22-32) not even ten righteous men could be found in Sodom, and the cities were judged by the Lord, then destroyed by "brimstone and fire." The unnatural lusts of the men of Sodom (Gen. 19:4-8; Jude 7) have given us the modern term sodomy, but the city was guilty of a full spectrum of sins including pride, oppression of the poor, haughtiness, and "abominable things" (Ezekiel 16:49-50). Together, Sodom and Gomorrah provided a point of comparison for the sinfulness of Israel and other nations (Deut. 32:32; Isa 1:10; Jer. 23:14). The memory of their destruction provided a picture of God's judgment (Isa. 13:19; Jer. 49:18; Matt. 10:14-15; 11:23-24) and made them an example to be avoided (Deut. 29:23-25; 2 Pet. 2:6). Daniel C. Browning, Jr.

(Scriptures – Sodom and Gomorrah)

The Great Sins of Sodom and Gomorrah revealed to Abraham – “Sin of Sodomy”

*(Gen 18:20 KJV) “And the LORD said, Because the cry of **Sodom and Gomorrah** is great, and because their sin is very grievous” (Gen 18:22 KJV) “And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward **Sodom**; but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.” (Gen 18:26 KJV) “And the LORD said, If I find in **Sodom** fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.”*

The Iniquity of Sodom revealed through Ezekiel

*(Ezekiel 16:48-50 KJV) “As I live, saith the Lord GOD, **Sodom** thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters. Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister **Sodom**, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good”*

The “Days of Lot” as revealed by the Lord.

(Luke 17:28-29) “Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.”

Sodom and Gomorrha an example of judgment to the ungodly.

(2 Pet 2:6 KJV) “And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;”

“Strange Flesh”

(Jude 1:7 KJV) “Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”

First Advent - The Seventh Stage of Apostasy of the Gentile World

Second Advent – The Seventh Stage - Judeo/Christian World

(Rom 1:18-23 KJV) “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.”

The Seventh Stage of Apostasy – In the Judeo/Christian Western Society

(Rom 1:24-32 KJV) “Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”

See Special Study “[Seven Steps of Apostasy.](#)”

The Second King of the “Wicked” Cities of the Plains

2. King Birsha: H1306. Birsha', beer-shah'; prob. from H7562 with prep. pref.; **with wickedness**; Birsha, a king of Gomorrah:--Birsha. 7562. resha', reh'-shah; from H7561; a wrong (espec. moral):--**iniquity, wicked**(-ness). 7561. rasha', raw-shah'; a prim. root; to be (caus. do or declare)

wrong: by impl. to disturb, violate:--**condemn, make trouble, vex, be** (commit, deal, depart, do) wicked (-ly, -ness).

(Grace and Glory – “Wickedness”)

Holman Dictionary Bible Dictionary

BIRSHA (Bihr' shuh) Personal name with uncertain meaning, traditionally, "**ugly.**" King of Gomorrah who joined the coalition of Dead Sea area kings against an eastern group of invading kings from Babylonia (Gen. 14:2).

City of Gomorrah: H6017. 'Amorah, am-o-raw'; from H6014; **a (ruined) heap;** Amorah, a place in Pal.:--Gomorrah.H6014. 'amar, aw-mar'; a prim. root; prop. appar. to heap; fig. to chastise (as if piling blows); spec. (as denom. from H6016) **to gather grain:--bind sheaves, make merchandise of.**

(Grace and Glory – Binding of Sheaves)

Sodom and Gomorrah

Note: Birsha, King of Gomorrah, is closely aligned to Bera, King of Sodom. The King of Sodom sought to “fetter” mankind as individuals through personal weaknesses and lusts of their flesh. By contrast, howbeit in alliance, **King Birsha seeks greater bondage of the individual through the merchandising of vices and sensual wickedness using the organized system.** There are men in high places of the sensual social world who merchandise vices and sensual wickedness for a monetary profit. (1 Tim 6:10 KJV) “For the love of money is the root of all evil.”

Through King Birsha, fallen man becomes not only a captive through personal weaknesses and lusts of his flesh but a double captive as part of a system promoting sensual lifestyles and a decadent society. As the system spirals downward, individuals find themselves captive both sensually and socially. The only possible avenue of personal deliverance is through the power of God manifested in the gospel according to Romans 1:16. Once delivered through the power of the gospel and receiving a new birth, the believer will find it necessary to separate from the system and can no longer walk therein or he will fall prey to the lusts of his flesh again.

The Third King of the “Wicked” Cities of the Plains

3. King Shinab: H8134. Shin'ab, shin-awb'; prob. from H8132 and H1; **a father has turned;** Shinab, a Canaanite:--Shinab.

(Grace and Glory – “His father has turned”)

City of Admah: H126. 'Admah, ad-maw'; contr. for H127; earthy; Admah, a place near the Dead Sea:--Admah. (Grace and Glory – “Earthy of Adam”)127. 'adamah, ad-aw-maw'; from H119; soil (from its gen. redness):--**country, earth, ground, husband** [-man] (-ry), land. 119. 'adam, aw-dam'; to show blood in the face), i.e., flush or turn rosy:--be (dyed, made) red (ruddy). Adam: 120. 'adam, aw-dawm'; from H119; ruddy, i.e., a human being (an individual or the species, mankind, etc.):--X another, + hypocrite, + common sort, X low, man (mean, of low degree), person. 119. 'adam, aw-dam'; to show blood in the face), i.e., flush or turn rosy:--be (dyed, made) red (ruddy).

The First Lie

(Gen 2:17 KJV) “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

(Gen 3:4 KJV) “And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:”

The Sin of pride, independence and equality – “Roots” to the sin of unbelief and believing a lie.

(Gen 3:6 KJV) “And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”

(1 Tim 2:14 KJV) “And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.”

The Controversy of Original Sin

Note: Shinab, King of Admah, figuratively, seeks to blind man to their fallen condition through the denial of the original sin of Adam, in the garden, that was passed down through his seed line. Original sin in the Adamic seed line has been proven true in that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” and therefore subjected to “the Law of sin and death.” The Law of God was first given to the Children of Israel to manifest their fallen nature through inability to keep the commandments of God. At the same time, God also introduced a sacrificial system to cover their sins until Christ, as “the Lamb of God” would be offered not only for their sins but the sins of the world. Consequently, Israel became responsible to bear witness as “a light to the Gentiles” of redemption, through their sacrificial system, but also as pointing to the greater promise of redemption for the whole world, as provided through the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Lamb of God.

Sin began in the heart of Lucifer and is now in the heart of fallen man.

Lucifer: (Isa 14:13 KJV) “For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:”

Fallen man: (Jer 17:9 KJV) “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?:”

The Moral Side (nominally religious) of a Social Sensual Society

King Shinab of Admah, subtly deceives mankind by portraying that “God is love” while obscuring that “God is light.” He reasons that a God of love will not judge the whole seed line for Adam’s failure. He further tries to convince fallen mankind that a God of love will accept them after their first birth and will overlook the weaknesses of mankind as they are all God’s children via creation. This will eventually lead into lasciviousness in society or condoning many lifestyles. This side will be suppressed but will be allowed to continue under the “spiritual wickedness” or “the lie” of the “last days.” The lie will be that man is being restored under “the fatherhood of God” and the “brotherhood of man” and will be accepted after his first birth by a God of Love.

Destruction of Admah: (Deu 29:23 KJV) “And that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath:”

(Scriptures proving the commutation of original sin to the Adamic seed line)

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”

(Rom 3:9-19 KJV) “ What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all

gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

(Rom 5:12 KJV) "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

(Rom 9:20-23 KJV) "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?- Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,"

(1 Cor 15:22 KJV) "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

(Heb 2:3 KJV) "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;"

(Heb 12:25 KJV) "See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:"

Lasciviousness: 766. aselgeia, as-elg'-i-a; from a comp. of G1 (as a neg. particle) and a presumed selges (of uncert. der., but appar. mean. continent); licentiousness (sometimes including other vices):--filthy, lasciviousness, wantonness.

(Jude 1:4 KJV) "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness**, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."

Holman's Bible Dictionary: Lasciviousness is a KJV term for an unbridled expression of sexual urges (Mark 7:22; 2 Cor. 12:21; Gal. 5:19; Eph. 4:19; 1 Pet. 4:3; Jude 4).

The Fourth King of the "Wicked" Cities of the Plains

4. **King Shemeber:** H8038. Shem'eber, shem-ay'-ber; appar. from H8034 and H83; name of pinion, i.e., **illustrious**; Shemeber, a king of Zeboim:--Shem-eber.

(Grace and Glory – Name of a bird's wing or pinion, "Illustrious," i.e., renowned or celebrated or shining brightly)

City of Zeboim: H6636. Tsebo'iym, tseb-o-eem'; or (more correctly) `Tsebiyiyim, tseb-ee-yeem'; or Tsebiyiyim, tseb-ee-yeem'; plur. of H6643; **gazelles**; Tseboim or Tsebijim, a place in Pal.:--Zeboiim, Zeboim. H6643. tsebiy, tseb-ee'; from H6638 **in the sense of prominence; splendor** (as conspicuous); **also a gazelle (as beautiful):--beautiful** (-ty), glorious (-ry), goodly, pleasant, roe (-buck).

(Grace and Glory – “Place of Gazelles, Place of Hyenas”)

ZEBOIM (Zih boh' ihm) Place name meaning, **"hyenas" or "a wild place."** (Not to be confused with Zeboim.) 1. One of the towns the Benjamites occupied upon returning to Palestine from Exile (Neh. 11:34). It may be khirbet Sabije. 2. A valley in Benjamin between Michmash and the wilderness overlooking the Jordan River (1 Sam. 13:17-18). It may be wadi el-Oelt or wadi Fara.

Note: The second King Birsha “ugly” of Gomorrah opened a window of insight into the social apostasy and decay of society promoted by men in high places who merchandised many vices for the love of money. By contrast, **King Semeber appeals to another class of society who are not necessarily socially and economically disadvantaged. He appeals to liberation by promoting various sins, vices, sensuality and experimentation as something beautiful and desirable, i.e., the “Place of Gazelles.”** However, unbridled liberation will lead unwittingly down into a path of bondage to sin. When subjects desire to be liberated or just to “fly away” and do their own thing without consequences, will find that they are hopelessly snared and unable to extricate themselves from their plight. This path often leads subjects into great mental anguish and some into premature death or even suicide. Victims find themselves, having fallen prey to a cruel adversary, far afield from the Place of Gazelles as promised and are now in the “Place of Hyenas.” Hyenas feed upon dead carcasses of animals so this speaks of the adversary having made a kill before his victims can receive the gospel. (2 Pet 2:19 KJV) “While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.”

“Try your wings”

(Prov 7:7 KJV) “And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,”

(2 Tim 2:22 KJV) “Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

Note: The “pinion” is the outer edges of a bird’s wing and if cut he cannot fly. The outer edges of the wing are very colorful and illustrative adding beauty to the entire wing. This speaks of the false promise of liberality and encouragement to experiment into various sins, sensuality, vices or lifestyles that are presented as something beautiful and desirable. These are promoted by King Semeber as enticing and harmless and often used in advertising schemes via television, magazines and in the lyrics of music. At the beginning subjects do not feel they are in bondage but when they try extricating themselves, they find their wings have been clipped and they are hopelessly snared in bondages, i.e., strongholds in the flesh and/or demonic oppression or possession in the place of Hyenas.

Temptation in the Garden

(Gen 3:1- 16 KJV) “Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Loss of Innocence

“Adam and Eve were naked And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves **aprons**. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (Woman – multiplied sorrow in bringing forth children – submission to thy husband) Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”

Aprons: 2290. chagowr, khag-ore'; or cha-gor, khag-ore'; and (fem.) chagowrah, khag-o-raw'; or chagorah, khag-o-raw'; from H2296; a belt (for the waist):--apron, armour, gird (-le).

Man – Cursed ground to be tilled by the sweat of the brow.

(Gen 3:17-23 KJV) “And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;”

Thorns and Thistles and “Dust to Dust”

“Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from hence he was taken.”

The Fifth King of the “Wicked” Cities of the Plains

5. King of Bela which is called Zoar

Bela: 1106. Bela', beh'-lah; the same as H1105; Bela, the name of a place, also of an Edomite and of two Isr.:-- Bela: 1105. bela', beh'-lah; from H1104; a gulp; fig. **destruction:--devouring, that which he hath swallowed up.** 1104. bala', baw-lah'; a prim. root; to make away with (spec. by swallowing); gen. to destroy:--cover, destroy, devour, eat up, be at end, spend up, swallow down (up).

(Grace and Glory – “to gulp, devour or swallow up”)

Note: This city may have been prone to earthquakes and shakings and feared being swallowed up.

Zoar: 6820. Tso'ar, tso'-ar; from H6819; little; Tsoar, a place E. of the Jordan:--Zoar. 6819. tsa'ar, tsaw-ar'; a prim. root; **to be small**, i.e., (fig.) **ignoble:--be brought low, little one, be small.** (Grace and Glory – “To be made small or brought low” may speak of a place of repentance.)

Holman’s Bible Dictionary

BELA (Bee' luh) or BELAH Personal and place name meaning, **"he swallowed."** 1. Name for Zoar. See Zoar. Its king joined coalition to fight off attacks from eastern kings (Gen. 14:2). 2. King of Edom who ruled in city of Dinhabah before Israel had a king (Gen. 36:32). 3. A son of Benjamin and grandson of Jacob (Gen. 46:21). He became original ancestor of clan of Belaites (Num. 26:38; 1 Chron. 7:7). 4. A descendant of Reuben (1 Chron. 5:8).

ZOAR (Zoh' uhr) Place name meaning, **"small."** One of the cities in the valley of Siddim, also known as Bela (Gen. 14:2). It was attacked by Chedolaomer, but apparently delivered by Abraham (14:17). Lot fled to Zoar with his family just before God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah (19:23-24). He was afraid to remain there with his two daughters, so he went up to a mountain above the city (19:30). Isaiah prophesied that the citizens of Moab would flee to Zoar when destruction would come upon their nation (Isa. 15:5; compare Jer. 48:34). It was apparently a Moabite city, perhaps Safi on the river Zered.

The Fifth King of Bela called Zoar – “The little finger”

Note: This unnamed king and the renamed city was originally wicked and sought to reduce fallen man into a very low estate through “any means” until they are swallowed up in the pit (Bela). However, this city escaped destruction that befell the other four wicked cities of the plains. The Bible dictionary relates that “righteous” Lot made intercession for (Bela) and called it Zoar, as he needed a place of refuge for himself and his two daughters and God in His great grace and mercy spared this city. This speaks of God’s unmerited grace and mercy toward those who have the very least inclination toward Him and have waited until the “eleventh hour.” Often this inclination is only visible by God who searches the heart. (Jer 17:10 KJV) “I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.” (Psa 139:23 KJV) “Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: (Psa 44:21 KJV) “Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.”

An Example – the thief on the right of the Cross of Christ

The Eleventh-Hour Conversion

(Luke 23:39-43 KJV) “And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.”

Contrast in Scripture

Some saved through compassion

(Jude 1:22 KJV) “And of some have compassion, making a difference:”

Others saved with fear

(Jude 1:23 KJV) “And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.”

The Meal Offering as an Individual Sin Offering – Only in cases of extreme poverty

In the Old Testament Book of Leviticus, the meal offering alone was allowed only by individuals as a sin offering only in cases of extreme poverty. On the Tabernacle side there were no deviations as to the Day of Atonement and the Daily Sacrifices as it foreshadowed the perfect Person and Work of our Lord Jesus Christ. The High Priest could not deviate in his personal sacrifices as he foreshadowed our Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Heb 4:14 KJV) Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

The Rebellion

(Gen 14:3 KJV) “All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.”

(Gen 14:4 KJV) “**Twelve years** they served Chedorlaomer, and in the **thirteenth year** they rebelled.”

Note: In scripture the number **twelve** stands for divine rule or order while the number **thirteen** signifies rebellion.

The Five Kings Subdued by the Four Kings

(Gen 14:5 KJV) “And in the **fourteenth year** came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim,”

Note: The number **fourteen (7+7)** stands for the re-establishment of God's divine order through human government until God begins to establish His government under His Son, the Lord Christ Jesus, as “My King.” During these times, the “four kings” ruling over the heathen (Gentiles) and the people (Israel) will “rage” but will, in turn, be broken with a “rod of Iron” and dashed in pieces as a “potter's vessel,” according to Psalms 2.

(Gen 14:6-11 KJV) “And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto Elparan, which is by the wilderness. And they returned, and came to Enmishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazezontamar. (And there 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 joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim; With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five. And the vale of Siddim was full of slimepits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain. And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.”

Lot Taken Captive by the Four Kings

(Gen 14:12 KJV) “And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.”

(Gen 14:13 KJV) “And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram.”

Abraham Delivers Lot from the Four Kings

(Gen 14:14 KJV) “And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.”

(Gen 14:15 KJV) “And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus.”

(Gen 14:16 KJV) “And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.”

The Plot Against the Church Foiled

During the “window of weakness” our adversary tried to usher in a New World Order from the dark side in order to trap the Church in this dark realm before the “times of restoration on the Day of the Lord and before they can take their place physically in heavenly places. If successful, Satan would be able to hold both realms (light and dark) and would not be cast out of the heavenly realm. But for the LORD standing down with a remnant, Satan’s plot will be foiled.

(2 Tim 4:17 KJV) “Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.”

The “**times of restoration**” will reconstitute the Church to their heavenly calling by rank and order. Howbeit the latter Church will be greatly decimated, and many will be seduced by the “light side” of the adversary and not lay hold of the heavenly calling in time for the open door. The apostasy has taken a heavy toll during the Church age especially in the “last days” and has furnished Satan a “window of weakness.” Satan’s plot has enlisted the Five Kings from the Cities of the plains to weaken mankind as a whole and to create a “black drop” for his “light side”

(Mat 10:15 KJV) “Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.”

See Special Studies [“Spirit Storm”](#) and [“Seven Good Years.”](#)

(Scriptures Relating to Zoar)

(Gen 13:10 KJV) “And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto **Zoar.**”

(Gen 14:2 KJV) “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.**”

(Gen 14:8 KJV) “And there 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 joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim;”

(Gen 19:22 KJV) “Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called **Zoar.**”

(Gen 19:23 KJV) “The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into **Zoar.**”

(Gen 19:30 KJV) “And Lot went up out of **Zoar**, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in **Zoar**: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters”.

(Deu 34:3 KJV) “And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto **Zoar.**”

(Isa 15:5 KJV) “My heart shall cry out for Moab; his fugitives shall flee unto **Zoar**, an heifer of three years old: for by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction.”

(Jer 48:34 KJV) “From the cry of Heshbon even unto Elealeh, and even unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, from **Zoar** even unto Horonaim, as an heifer of three years old: for the waters also of Nimrim shall be desolate.”
