

~AMRAPHEL (83)
(Am'ra-phel)

- King of Shinar in southern Mesopotamia, and an ally and supporter of King Chedorlaomer of Elam in the invasion and victory over five kings at the Low Plain of Siddim. **Amraphel** and his allies were later overtaken by Abram, in his rescue of Lot, and were completely routed.
- Now it came about in the days of **Amraphel** king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim. (**Genesis 14:1**)
- 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, that is to say, Zoar. (**Genesis 14:2**)
- All these marched as allies to the Low Plain of Siddim, that is, the Salt Sea. (**Genesis 14:3**)
- Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but the thirteenth year they rebelled. (**Genesis 14:4**)
- And in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer came, and also the kings who were with him, and they inflicted defeats on the Rephaim in Ashterothkarnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shavehkiriathaim. (**Genesis 14:5**)
- And the Horites in their mountain of Seir, down to Elparan, which is at the wilderness. (**Genesis 14:6**)
- Then they turned about and came to Enmishpat, that is, Kadesh, and defeated the whole field of the Amalekites and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazontamar. (**Genesis 14:7**)
- At this point the king of Sodom went on the march, and also the king of Gomorrah and the king of Admah and the king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela, that is to say, Zoar, and they drew up in battle order against them in the Low Plain of Siddim. (**Genesis 14:8**)
- Against Chedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of Goiim and

Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against the five. ([Genesis 14:9](#))

- Now the Low Plain of Siddim was pits upon pits of bitumen, and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah took to flight and went falling into them, and those who remained fled to the mountainous region. ([Genesis 14:10](#))
- Then the victors took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food and went on their way. ([Genesis 14:11](#))
- They also took Lot the son of Abram's brother and his goods and continued on their way. He was then dwelling in Sodom. ([Genesis 14:12](#))
- After that a man who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew. He was then tabernacling among the big trees of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and they were confederates of Abram. ([Genesis 14:13](#))
- Thus Abram got to hear that his brother had been taken captive. With that he mustered his trained men, three hundred and eighteen slaves born in his household, and went in pursuit up to Dan. ([Genesis 14:14](#))
- And by night he resorted to dividing his forces, he and his slaves, against them, and thus he defeated them and kept in pursuit of them up to Hobah, which is north of Damascus. ([Genesis 14:15](#))
- And he proceeded to recover all the goods, and he recovered also Lot his brother and his goods and also the women and the people. ([Genesis 14:16](#))
- There have been attempts to identify **Amraphel** with Hammurabi, but the identification is not certain.