

**~BERA (103)**  
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- **King of Sodom whom Chedorlaomer and his allies defeated in the Low Plain of Siddim.**
- **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](#))
- Abraham pursued the victors in order to free his nephew Lot, recovered the spoil, and returned it to the king of Sodom rather than keeping it for himself. Abraham did this, he says, in order, that the king of Sodom could never boast. It was I who made Abram rich.
- 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](#))
- Then the king of Sodom went out to meet him after he returned from defeating Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, to the Low Plain of Shaveh, that is, the kings Low Plain. ([Genesis 14:17](#))
- And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine, and he was priest of the Most High God. ([Genesis 14:18](#))
- Then he blessed him and said; Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, producer of heaven and earth. ([Genesis 14:19](#))
- And blessed be the Most High God, who has delivered your oppressors into your hand! At that Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ([Genesis 14:20](#))
- After that the king of Sodom said to Abram; Give me the souls, but take the goods for yourself. ([Genesis 14:21](#))

- **At this Abram said to the king of Sodom; I do lift up my hand in an oath to Yehowah the Most High God, Producer of heaven and earth. ([Genesis 14:22](#))**
- **That, from a thread to a sandal lace, no, I shall take nothing from anything that is yours, in order, that you may not say; It was I who made Abram rich. ([Genesis 14:23](#))**
- **Nothing for me! Only what the young men have already eaten, and the share of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol and Mamre, let them take their share. ([Genesis 14:24](#))**